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NANCHANG BEING EVACUATED

Nationalists Preparing To Quit Hankow, Too LI WANTS FULL POWERS

Shanghai, May 5. The evacuation of non-essential civilians from Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi Province, was reported in Chinese press dispatches to be in full swing today as the Communist armies swept closer to the city.

Portuguese Evacuation

Shanghai, May 5. A large-scale evacuation of the Portuguese community from Shanghai will begin in three or four days, following the arrival of the specially chartered Portuguese steamship, Hwachung, with accommodation for 1,000 passengers. Hitherto, between 300 and 400 persons have registered for departure. It has been announced that no other special ship will be available later.—Reuter.

Utilities In Shanghai Threatened

Shanghai, May 5. The public utility system of Shanghai, threatened with breakdown due to inability to meet skyrocketing operational costs, today requested the municipal authorities to take urgent steps to avert an eventual collapse.

The rising costs of petrol, coal and diesel oil, ranging from 400 to 2,000 per cent in the past few days, are imposing a staggering burden on the electric power and gas plants, the waterworks, the telephone company and bus and streetcar lines.

No Plans For Evacuation

Canton, May 4. Evacuation of American and British nationals in South China will depend entirely upon commercial transportation facilities, consular officials of both countries say.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (3 p.m. HKST), a weak trough of low pressure extends NEwards across China to a depression over H. Manchuria. A depression is expected to develop in this trough over the Yellow Sea. Another shallow depression has developed over the Philippines. An extensive anticyclone is centred over the Pacific E. of Japan.

Some of Communist General Chen Kang's columns, which stormed across the Yangtse River near Kiukiang some 14 days ago, were this evening said to be nearing Kweiki and Yuiking, cities on the railway line about 80 miles South East and 65 miles East of Nanking respectively.

The possibility of Nanchang being abandoned militarily, similar to Hangchow, which fell into Communist hands two days ago, was hinted by a spokesman of the Eighth Pacification Headquarters in Nanchang yesterday, according to the independent vernacular, the Ta Kung Pao.

General Sich Kwan-han was quoted as stating: "There is no question about Nanchang's defence," but, at the same time, he asserted that, geographically, the city has little value from the military point of view.

Simultaneously with General Chen Kang's intensified Communist drive, Communist General Li Po-cheng's armies, which crossed the Yangtse near Anking, 160 miles South West of Nanking, were said to be expanding their control in West Chekiang as they moved South towards the middle stretch of the same railway from Shunan, which is only some 35 miles from the line.

Battle Of Kashing

On Shanghai's outer defence line, intensive fighting raged at the strategic road and rail junction of Kashing, 60 miles South West of Shanghai, near Taichung (Taichang), North West of Shanghai, a Garrison commune claimed the routing of a Communist force of 1,000 men after a fierce engagement.

Although throwing some 30,000 men into battle, Communist General Chen Yi was not able to make any headway in his push on Kashing from the North West in the past 24 hours, according to official sources.

Railway bridges between Hangchow and Kashing, had all been demolished, thus preventing the Communists from bringing up heavy weapons from this direction.

According to a foreign eyewitness, a vast network of defence points now covers the outer perimeter of Shanghai, with the Nationalists apparently concentrating on a defence in depth system to protect all the highways.

He said that whole villages had been levelled and the crops destroyed to deny the Communists cover if and when they attack and that the entire countryside had been studded with barricades and heavy guns, including some American 105s and Japanese 75s.

Why Reds Have Not Yet Taken Shanghai

Shanghai, May 5.

Various interrelated political, economic and military factors explain why the Communist forces have not yet launched a strong assault on Shanghai, a well informed foreign diplomatic source told the United Press today.

The source, who wished to remain unnamed, said the information points to the conclusion that the Reds are waiting for the right moment in this big port intact and undamaged, while at the same time manoeuvring militarily to reduce the fighting to the minimum.

To Abandon Hankow

Chinese government forces were reported on Wednesday preparing to abandon Hankow before the growing peril of a Communist envelopment to the South East which threatens to isolate the Central China fortress.

The fall of Nanchang, Kiangsi province capital, would expose to attack the railway from Hankow to South China. Nanchang is 165 miles East of the railway, and an equal distance South East of Hankow.

Reliable reports to Canton said General Pao Chung-hsi, Commander in Central China, would move his headquarters from Hankow to Changsha within 48 hours. Changsha, capital of Hunan province, is 200 miles South of Hankow.

Meanwhile, General Pao Chung-hsi's headquarters formally denied reports that Klukiang, Eastern anchor of General Pao's Yangtse line, had fallen.

In Canton it was reported that Acting President Li Tsung-jen had written to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek demanding that he be invested with full Presidential powers.

The demand is said to be contained in a letter brought back to Canton by Mr. Li Wen-fan, one of the bureau delegation which went to Kweilin earlier this week to persuade the Acting President to come to Canton.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen is said to have demanded that:—

1. Economically, all national property, including gold and silver, and all foreign exchange, be transferred to Taiwan two months ago, be placed at his disposal.
2. Politically, the Government organs in Canton come under his control.
3. Militarily, all troops in Central and South China come under his command.

The source said the Acting President did not indicate his intentions should the demands be rejected. — Reuter and Associated Press.

STOP PRESS

London, May 5. "Britain is sending 'substantial reinforcements' to the garrison in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong, the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, told Parliament today.

They will include elements of all arms—land, sea and air, he said.

Mr. Alexander was addressing a House of Commons debate on the situation in China.

The reinforcements would bring British land forces in Hong Kong to the strength of two brigade groups, each of three battalions, he said.—Reuter.



Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, has returned to Indo-China after a four years' absence. Here he is pictured at D'Almeida airport (in European clothes and wearing sunglasses) with Lhan Van Giao, Governor of Central Vietnam.

Who Should Form HK's Electorate?

Views on constitutional reform in Hong Kong were expressed and discussed at a meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Basis of discussion was the proposal set forth in Mr. Lun-dale's motion for a reconstituted legislature with an unofficial majority.

At an earlier meeting of the Chamber, its chairman, Mr. Ko Cheuk-hung, had expressed approval of the proposal in principle, but disagreed with the suggestion that only citizens of British nationality should be qualified to vote.

He also advocated that the majority of the unofficial members should be Chinese.

Yesterday's discussions centred on who should form the electorate. The majority held that it should not be confined to British nationals, and suggestions were put forward that length of residence, payment of rates and taxes to Government, business standing, and other factors, should also be taken into consideration in coming to a decision as to who should be eligible to return members to the legislative Council.

A member raised the question why the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce should not be a member on the legislature, whereas the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce was represented.

Mr. Y. K. Mok addressed the meeting on the meaning of representation by election.

The chairman's proposal that there should also be a council representative of all trade and industry interests, as a sort of advisory body to the elected members of Council (and to Government, met with a mixed reception.

The discussion ended after the chairman moved that further consideration of views and suggestions should be delegated to an enlarged special sub-committee.

India Will Become A Republic Soon

Berne, May 5.

The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, declared here today that the Republic of India may be proclaimed in four, five or six months' time.

Mr. Nehru said: "I am satisfied with the results of the London Conference. The future of India is to be a completely independent sovereign Republic in friendly relations with other countries. This does not affect our internal or external policy at all."

Pandit Nehru was speaking at a press conference here of Swiss and foreign correspondents on the last day of his State visit to Switzerland.

Asked by a Swiss journalist: "Why exactly does India want to become a republic?" Mr. Nehru replied: "That is an odd question to be asked in Berne. This is not a new idea for us. It has been put forward clearly for the last generation. Now it has been decided by the Constituent Assembly."

"We have passed about two-thirds of our Constitution. We are meeting again in about 10 days' time. We shall go on from day to day and in maybe two or three months we shall have passed the other third. Then we shall choose a suitable day to proclaim the Republic."

Mr. Nehru also made these points:—

1. "Control of Asia by Europe has practically ceased and will completely end. In consequence of this Asia will play an increasingly important part in world affairs."
2. "I have little doubt that Africa will also affect world affairs very greatly. Whatever the merits or demerits or whatever arguments there may be about the racial question, or whatever views one may hold, one fact is obvious—that unless this problem is settled, satisfactorily we are going to have upheavals and conflicts."
3. "We wish to maintain friendly relations with all countries and sometimes to serve as a friendly bridge for understanding."

COLLECTIVE ACTION IN FAR EAST WANTED

London, May 4. Conservative Party leaders today advocated collective action by all nations with interests in the Far East threatened by Communist aggression.

Conservative Party sources said: "International Communism has won a signal victory in China, the scale of which is not yet fully appreciated by the British Government."

Admiral Brind Due Tomorrow

Admiral Sir E. J. Patrick Brind, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, is due to arrive here tomorrow for discussions with the local naval authorities. It was officially announced yesterday.

The nature of the discussions was not disclosed but it is presumed that the talks will include the Yangtse River incident and HMS Amethyst, now stranded in the Yangtse River.

Smuggling Of U.S. Arms Into Fukien

Hong Kong, May 5. American arms, believed to be smuggled from Manila, were reaching both the Communists and the Nationalists in the mountain-locked South China province of Fukien, where there are important connections with overseas Chinese in practically every South East Asia country, according to recent arrivals from Fukien seaport of Amoy.

These sources said today that it was generally believed that the port was being used by the Communists as a clearing house for the infiltration of all South East Asian countries. These sources do not wish to be quoted.

A perimeter, extending 80 miles West of Amoy, was being defended by some of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's crack troops. The fall of the port, which is still 500 miles below the Nationalist Chientang River line, would have special significance in South East Asia.

Amoy arrivals said the port's trade was dead, except for smuggling and the arranging of migration to South East Asian countries, usually through Siam.

Migration to any part of South East Asia could be arranged at a price.

These sources said the British authorities in Malaya and the Dutch in Indonesia were, however, making it difficult for Communist infiltration. One of the strongest Communist links in Fukien was with the Fukubalaps in the Philippines.

Amoy Chinese were practically living on remittances from overseas Chinese. Foreign currencies were being used almost exclusively.—Reuter.

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They added that in Malaya the British forces were gradually mastering banditry, but the struggle was likely to be protracted and a serious financial drain.

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The reports concluded: "China hitherto has acted as a buffer between Communism and South East Asia. That buffer is now fast disappearing and it would appear that, before long, India and Pakistan will find Communist centres on the other side of their frontiers."—United Press.

Five Blocs

Military experts in the Conservative Party said the defence structure appeared to resolve into five blocs:

1. India, Pakistan and Ceylon. "Our policy should be to help them all we can. We cannot afford to have them Communist-controlled or hostile, because they lie on the flank of our communications."
2. Malaya, Borneo and the Philippines. "These areas are strategically interdependent. It is essential they should be strong militarily and politically."
3. The Japanese islands. "If the Communists moved into Japan, they would gain control of large numbers of the best fighting men in Asia. Our aim should be to make use of Japanese man-power under Allied control."
4. The Caroline and Marshall Islands. "These form a supporting area for the Japanese islands."
5. Australia. "The security of Australasia depends on the security of all the foregoing."

A Red China

Conservative Party members who have recently toured the Far East have compiled detailed reports on the overall situation. The reports said that, either by continued fighting or by negotiation, an emergent Communist-dominated government for the whole of China could not long be delayed.

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Specie Flow To Taiwan

Hong Kong, May 5. The last assets of China's Nationalist Treasury have been flown from the mainland to Taiwan Island, according to reliable but unconfirmed reports reaching Hong Kong today from Amoy.

The assets, in gold and bullion, and foreign currencies, were said to amount to about US\$300 million. A shuttle of freight planes, operating at night out of Amoy, was reported to have moved a week ago the specie in 1,600 cases.

The money was earlier reported to have been taken from the vaults of China's Central Bank in Shanghai and to have hastened the inflation of the Nationalist Gold Yuan currency.—Reuter.

European Charter Agreed On

London, May 5. Ten European nations agreed yesterday on a charter for a council of Europe. The charter will be signed at ceremonies in historic St. James Palace today.

Foreign Ministers of the nations have been meeting for two days, drafting details of the document. The founder countries are Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Italy and Ireland.

After signing the charter, the member nations will work on such details as financing of the council, choosing a secretary-general and secretariat and selecting headquarters—expected to be Strasbourg, France.

They also will have to decide on membership applications from Turkey and Greece.—Associated Press.

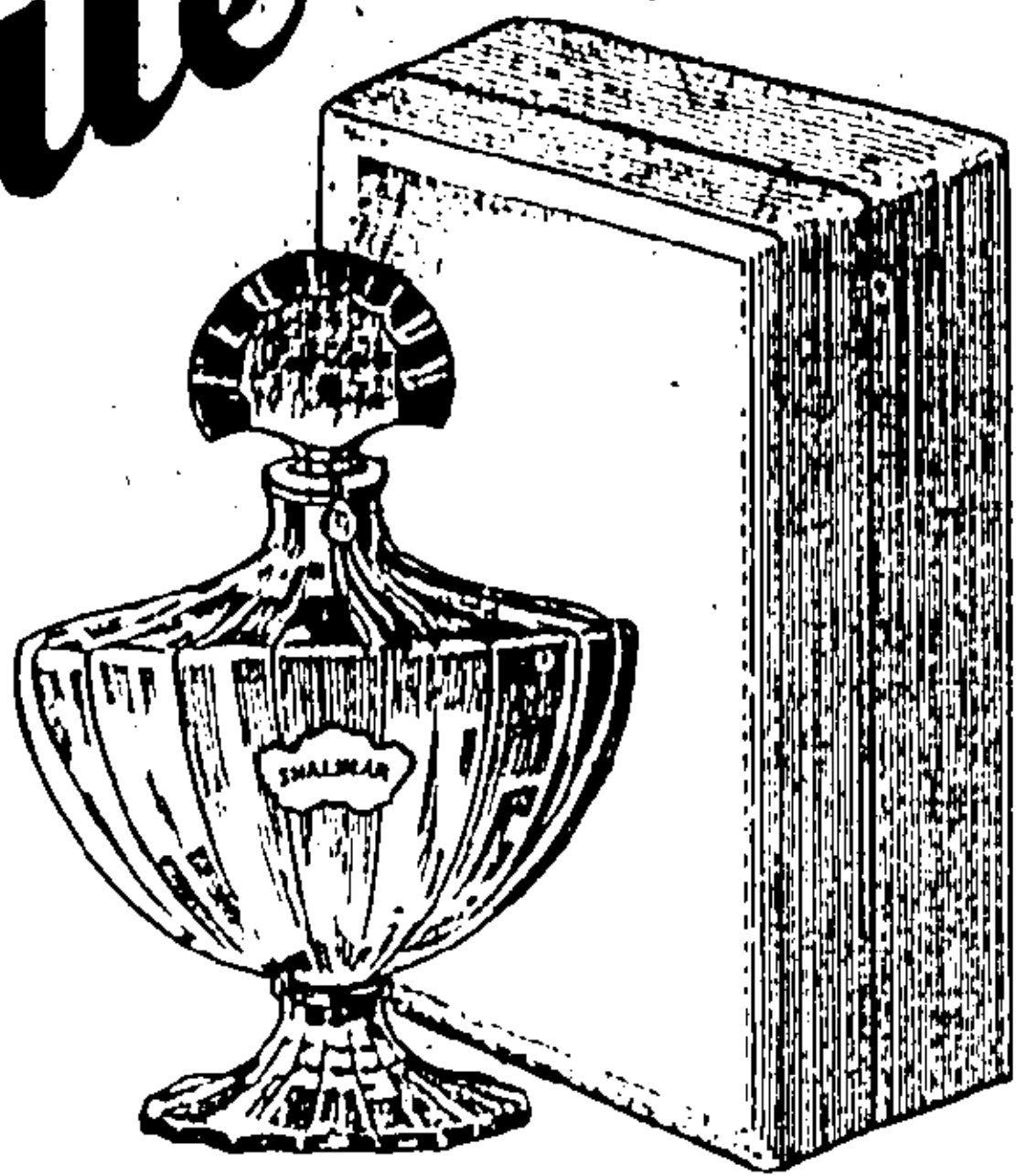
MR. C. ATTLEE MEETS CABINET BEFORE DEBATE

London, May 5. Prime Minister Clement Attlee met his cabinet at No. 10 Downing Street today preparatory to this afternoon's Commons debate on China.

The government was expected to face heavy Opposition fire what the Conservatives call Britain's "route" from China and the shelling of British warships on the Yangtse by Chinese Communists.—United Press.



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Underwear Merchant Wins Judgment

Declaring that he accepted the story told by Tam Kuen, a plaintiff, as a substantially true version of what happened, Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, awarded judgment with costs in favour of the plaintiffs at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Tam Kuen is a partner of the Man Kuen Cotton Knitting Underwear Company of 16 Queen Victoria Street, first floor, who claimed the sum of \$12,000 from the firm of L. G. Uttam of 506 Chung Tin Building in respect of woollen goods sold and delivered.

Trade Marks On Firecrackers

Fung Mo-ying, managing director of the Li and Fung Company, Limited, of Marina House, and the Company were summoned before Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central yesterday for possession of firecrackers in which false trade marks were applied.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. K. F. Wong, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Y. H. Chan was for the defence.

According to the prosecution, a search warrant was executed on January 10, Mr. Moore (DST) accompanied by the complainant, Cheung Siu-kei, partner of the China Firecrackers Manufacturing Company (Chung Hua Hong) went upon a lighter, which was then lying alongside the "as Bougainville" due to sail for Vancouver. On board the lighter, they found 750 wooden cases of firecrackers of three sizes, valued at approximately \$25,000.

The complainant's Company registered the trade mark for the firecrackers in 1933, and it had been used extensively for many years. Large quantities of the firecrackers were exported through Diction's and Company, and Diction's and Company, to the Hand Firecrackers and Company in Toronto, Canada.

The complainant Cheung Siu-kei, of No. 33 Park Street, in giving corroborative evidence, said that he knew defendant and the company for many years.

After cross-examination by defence counsel, the case was adjourned to 2.30 today.

Talk On Indian Medical Service

The Indian Medical Service was the subject chosen at yesterday's luncheon at the Yachton Rotary Club in the Peninsula Hotel.

The speaker was Dr. R. D. Scriven who traced the history of the Service from its inception in the early 17th century by the East India Company.

Dr. Scriven explained the various branches of the service, its offshoots into the Army, Navy and the Air Force. He mentioned the many figures in the service during its history, who had contributed vastly to the development of medical science. These included the tracing of the malarial disease to the mosquito, the research in cholera, and the part played by the Indian Medical Service in years, and the immense territory it covered.

Guests present at the luncheon included Messrs: F. Mart, W. P. Wootley, J. B. Mainard, J. P. Ingalls, A. F. Peterson, C. K. Larrard, M. S. Douglas, J. Skinner, and visiting Rotarians were Mr. Chan Seng-huet from Rangoon, and Mr. D. S. Hill.

The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by C. A. Sutherland, Russ and Stewart. Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva defended L. G. Uttam.

The Man Kuen Company claimed that the sum in dispute was the balance for goods sold to the defendant on April 1st, last year, under written contracts. It was their case, that the defendant's Hong Kong manager, K. C. Kiemlani, had ticked them, and that he had deliberately forged out a bill himself showing that he had paid for the goods in question.

Khemlani admitted the delivery of the goods, but claimed that all the goods had in fact been paid for.

Giving judgment, Sir Leslie stated that there was only one issue in the case, and that was whether the \$12,000 had or had not been paid by the defendant to the plaintiffs.

An Unpleasant Case. He went on to comment that the case had been a rather unpleasant one for various reasons. One of these, he said, was that it was quite obvious from the start either from one side or the other there was going to be perjury.

The Chief Justice went on to say that the onus of proving the payment was for the defendant.

As regards the defendant, he said, L. G. Uttam himself did not live in the Colony, having other business in other parts of the world. All transactions in the case were entered into through books. There was no suggestion, he added, that Uttam was any party to any fraud.

Sir Leslie referring to a suggestion made by Mr. Clifford, declared that one must bear in mind that although Uttam might have been a stable firm, and had been used to defraud anyone, Kiemlani, the firm's Hong Kong manager, might have such a reason. The possible reason would be that he had got his firm involved in \$10,000 from a firm called Lifred, which might involve certain sums from him, and that something should be done to reduce the liability.

A Piece Of Paper. The Chief Justice went on to say that one could not believe that a man with the business experience of Kiemlani's, endeavouring to get a receipt for the large sum of money, would accept a piece of paper with two signatures and a chop without a word that money had been received.

Sir Leslie further referred to what he termed "neck and mild" manner of Kiemlani when he let the plaintiffs come along and stop him from shipping the goods, and when he told them to come in the afternoon. Kiemlani then ordered the goods stored over in a warehouse, and the receipt of the Chief Justice, went on, was that he thought the goods might have gone wrong in the night and he was going to make sure.

The Chief Justice commented that this was a very flimsy one, and quite improbable.

Regarding the evidence of Tam Kuen, Sir Leslie stated that this was not only unshaken in any material point, but his story was the only conceivable explanation of the known facts in the case. He declared that he therefore accepted it as a substantially true version of what actually happened.

"It follows that judgment is for the plaintiffs and the costs of the action," Sir Leslie concluded.

President Liner Due Tomorrow

The ss. President Van Buren, latest addition to the American President Lines' fleet, is due to arrive here tomorrow on her maiden voyage to the Far East.

The vessel and two sister ships, President Johnson and President Harrison, were acquired from the Hudson River Line-up, and will operate in the Company's Round-the-World service and will continue Voyage 1 from Hong Kong on May 8.

Put on berth on the Atlantic Coast, the President Van Buren sailed from New York on March 20 with a capacity cargo. She will operate in the Company's Round-the-World service and will continue Voyage 1 from Hong Kong on May 8.

The new President Johnson sailed on her maiden voyage from New York on April 1, going into the Atlantic. She will operate in the Company's Round-the-World service and will continue Voyage 1 from Hong Kong on May 8.

The President Harrison, the third of the new C-3 freighters, sailed from New York on April 15, and will operate in the Company's Round-the-World service and will continue Voyage 1 from Hong Kong on May 8.

The new freighters have modern, comfortable accommodations for a maximum of 12 passengers.

First Korean Consul In Colony



Mr. Char Kyun-Chan, Korean Consul, has set up an office in Hong Kong. ("China Mail" Photo).

FOUR SENTENCED FOR ROBBERY

An armed robbery which netted them HK\$11,000 in money and valuables cost a one-time police constable and three others eight years' hard labour and 12 strokes each at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Lam Wai, the ex-policeman, and Wong Kau were sentenced by Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge, when the jury of five men and two women unanimously found them guilty of taking part in the robbery.

Lai Keung and Leung Kun-chiu were also sentenced, having pleaded guilty to the same charge.

A fifth man, Wong Yuen-fai, convicted of receiving stolen property, proceeds from the robbery, and was given two years.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Inspector T. Cashman, conducted the prosecution. None of the accused was legally represented.

The robbery took place on January 15 at the third floor premises of 15 Connaught Road Central, occupied by the Hok Wang Import and export firm.

The robbers tied up the occupants, 15 in number, including the staff, after which they compelled the owner to open his safe.

Acting on information, the police arrested the robbers one by one. The men were identified at an identification parade by the occupants of the victimized premises as the robbers.

The accused denied the allegation, stating that they had been forced by police officers to sign certain statements admitting their guilt.

Clifford Davis Leaves Colony

A big loss to the Stage Club, Radio Hong Kong, and the Colony in general is the departure today of the Reverend Clifford Davis, who is returning Home with his wife and children by the Wuseng.

This will end the famous theatrical Davis-Ollivas partnership in Stage Club presentations which has contributed so much to theatrical productions in the Colony since the war.

Besides taking part in numerous plays from Radio Hong Kong, Mr. Davis produced the weekly "Anthology."

Among his performances for the Stage Club was his fine part in "The Man Who Came to Dinner," produced by Reinhold Oberling last year, and more recently his Sir Toby Belch in "Twelfth Night," also produced by Oberling.

New Skyscraper Plan Approved

Another skyscraper to grace Hong Kong's waterfront will be a 12-story reinforced concrete structure to be put up at Nos. 85 and 87, Connaught Road Central, to replace the present premises of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

The building, estimated to cost \$2,800,000, will, in addition to serving as the new home of the Chamber, provide office accommodation on the upper floors for business firms.

At a meeting of the committee of the Chamber held yesterday, the plan was given for the building to proceed. No definite date has, however, been set for the demolition work and rebuilding to start.

St. John Ambulance Orders

Orders by Mr. A. el Arcuili, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Division, Hong Kong District, follow:

Connaught Division: May 1 to 14, Connaught Division.

Monkshill Division: May 1 to 15, Monkshill Division.

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Dairy Farm's 1948 Profit

The Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company Limited, at its annual general meeting yesterday, reported a net profit of HK\$3,187,636 for the year, 1948.

Making this announcement, Mr. E. R. Hill, Chairman of the Board, said the working profit was the highest in the history of the Company, and reflected the continued expansion of the Company's business.

Mr. Hill informed shareholders that the Board is considering the suitability of two sites in the New Territories, Punjab Hill and Tai Po Tsai, offered by Government for transfer of the Company's farm from Pokfulam.

Two new features introduced at the farm during the year were mentioned by the chairman. They were artificial insemination of cows, which has proved a success; and the introduction of machine-milking.

Mr. Hill said in part: "We have spent more than HK\$2,500,000 on addition to fixed assets including \$475,000 in respect of cattle importations. The additions to land and buildings and plant and machinery include the extension of our East Point Cold Storage, the modernizing of our plant there both for cold storage and ice-making, air-conditioning equipment for the Glouster Lodge and the cost of the flats at the Company's Peak property. The figure includes the cost of land purchased during the year from the Mission Strangers. This land is situated immediately opposite to the Company's East Point property and was acquired with a view to possible further extension of the Company's cold storage business in the future."

Further payments for capital equipment have been made since the end of the year.

Working Profit. The working profit for the year is the highest in the Company's history, and reflects the continued expansion of the Company's business, the sale of note that selling prices for milk and charges for cold storage were reduced during the year, as also were the prices in our Soda Fountain Departments, there has been a substantial increase in turnover.

The profit for the year is \$3,187,636. To this must be added a balance of \$181,553 brought forward from the 1947 Accounts and \$104,581 written back in respect of provisions no longer required. This gives a total of \$3,473,770 at credit of the appropriation account and, after deducting \$525,978 in respect of the interim dividend paid on September 15, 1948, we have a balance of \$2,947,792 now available for appropriation. This year's Directors propose to deal with as follows:

Pay a Final Dividend of \$2.80 per share on "Old" Shares and \$2.10 per share on "New" Shares, both free of Tax, \$1,227,119

Transfer to Provision for Staff Retirement and Superannuation Schemes \$443,368

Transfer to General Reserve \$500,000

Transfer to Cattle Reserve \$250,000

Make provision for Corporation Profits Tax 1948/49 \$400,000

Pay a Bonus to Staff \$40,000

Carry Forward to next Account \$1,015

\$2,947,792

"There is a total of \$350,000 at credit of the provision for staff retirement schemes. Of this total appropriation \$400,000 is earmarked exclusively for the individual superannuation schemes covering the Chinese and local non-Chinese members of the staff."

"Your Board recommends the transfer of \$250,000 to cattle reserve. This plus the credit balance of \$160,000 in cattle wastage account should be studied in relation to the value of our herd appearing in the balance sheet at \$1,189,187."

Suitability. "Recently the Government have asked us to consider the suitability of either of two sites namely in the Punjab Hill area or in the vicinity of Tai Po Tsai. This matter is now being considered by your Board. Bearing in mind that the cost of such a transfer would be very considerable, your Board has recommended the allocation of a further \$500,000 to General Reserve."

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failure to meet the dead line, your Board, rather than inflict hardship, have permitted such shareholders to accept re-nounce their appropriate new shares and have allowed the collection of the related interim dividends.

"At date of the balance sheet 193,229 out of the total offer of 195,557 new shares had been taken up and since December 31 a further 764 new shares have been allotted making a total of 193,993 issued at present."

"Your Board now feels that, as a whole year has passed since the offer was officially closed, quite enough extra time has been granted to cover all cases of hardship and we therefore decided to withdraw this quite voluntary cancellation of the transfer books of the Company closed prior to this meeting. The appropriate resolutions, closing the offer of new shares once and for all, have accordingly been passed by your directors."

"The small balance of new shares remaining unissued and all fractional shares resulting from the issue will now be disposed of in accordance with the original terms of the offer."

"Our Board has acted generously and fairly towards late-registering shareholders in this matter."

"The herd today numbers approximately 1,200 animals. That figure includes 171 head imported during the year from both Australia and Canada and a further 100 head imported from these countries since December last. All animals in the herd are T.B. free. Early in 1948 experiments were begun at the Farm to inoculate cows by artificial means. The results obtained were very satisfactory and the practice has been extended considerably in the meantime. By the use of fewer but proven sires we hope ultimately to improve very appreciably the standard of the herd. Another feature introduced at the farm during the year was the machine milking. The present plant takes care of roughly 100 animals but the matter of acquiring additional machinery for the purpose is now under consideration."

Restaurant. "In connection with the Company's Restaurant and Soda Fountain business, our services are very much in demand at functions held in home, clubs and institutions. Our various restaurants are still catering to 'full houses' and no seasonal business at beach restaurants, while not producing the results of our more central branches, provide a big section of the public with a variety of refreshments at reasonable prices. "Another development of the restaurant side of our business is the aircraft catering service. This department, at Kai Tak, handles the preparation of hot and cold meals for passengers on aircraft during the year. In addition we operate the "JAMCO Staff Canteen" at Kai Tak. We are maintaining close association with the modern method of travel and in all our activities. The Colony's Civil Aviation Authorities have not failed to recognize the importance of our more central branches, and in that regard we have given them an assurance that we will continue to co-operate with them and to support them in any new scheme which they may evolve and which will give the air-traveller improved facilities. (Continued on Page 3)

MOTHER'S DAY 8th MAY

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THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Board Room of the Company, Room No. 308, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 19th May, 1949, at noon for the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be closed from the 10th May, 1949 to the 19th May, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, April 29, 1949.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Directors have decided to pay an Interim Dividend of 40 cents per share, less tax deductible under the Inland Revenue Ordinance 1947 for the half year ended March 31, 1949. Pro rata dividends will be paid in respect of 1949-1950 shares.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Shareholders will be closed from May 23, 1949, to June 4, 1949, both days inclusive. Dividend Warrants will be available for collection on and after Wednesday, June 8, 1949.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. W. WOOD,
Secretary
& Chief Accountant.

MARINE DEPARTMENT
NOTICE 16 OF 1949.

CAUSEWAY BAY SHELTER

Owners and persons in charge of all vessels entering or using Causeway Bay typhoon shelter are notified that dredging operations within the shelter are commencing immediately.

All such vessels are requested to keep well clear of the dredger.

N. GARLAND,
Acting Director of Marine.
Marine Office,
Hong Kong, May 4, 1949.

NOTICE
HONG KONG
DEFENCE FORCE

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Tailoring for Hong Kong Defence Force" will be received at the office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road, until noon on Friday, 20th May, 1949.

Forms of Tender, Specification and further particulars may be obtained from the Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force (Headquarters, Garden Road).

L. T. RIDE,
Colonel, Commandant,
Hong Kong Defence Force.
May 3, 1949.

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THE HONG KONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED

COMPANIES (RECONSTRUCTION OF RECORDS)

ORDINANCE 1947
SECTION 12

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS

TAKE NOTICE that:—

The Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company Limited (hereinafter called "the Company") has applied to the Registrar of Companies for leave to reconstruct its Register of Members under Section 12(1) of The Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance 1947.

The Statutory Declaration in support of the application and the exhibits thereto (being lists of persons who it is believed are entitled to be registered as Shareholders of the Company) can be inspected, on payment of the prescribed fees, in the office of the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong. A copy of the Statutory Declaration and the exhibits thereto may also be inspected at the Company's Registered Office at Queen's Building, first floor, Victoria, Hong Kong, during ordinary business hours.

All persons who claim to be entitled to be registered as Shareholders of the Company are hereby required to notify the Company (if they have not already done so) of their full names and addresses, their claim and the evidence upon which it is based WITHIN three months from the 2nd day of May, 1949.

Persons who hold Share Certificates and Instruments of Transfer in respect thereof (if any) are requested to produce them at the Company's Registered Office if this has not already been done. Shareholders who have lost their Share Certificates and have not already notified the Company of their loss and given full particulars of the lost Certificates and the circumstances of the loss, are requested to write to the Company giving all known particulars of the lost Certificates and the circumstances of the loss, when further information will be given as to other evidence required.

All notifications and communications must be sent to the Company addressed to its Registered Office, first floor, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong.

H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.

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Wallace Charges Govt
Defrauding U.S. People

Washington, May 5.

Henry Wallace today accused the administration of working a "plain fraud on the American taxpayer" in estimating the cost of implementation of the Atlantic Pact. The administration said the eventual cost may run as high as U.S.\$30,000,000.

In testimony prepared for delivery before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the former Vice-President criticized the administration's figure of U.S.\$1,130,000,000 for the first year of the arms for Europe programme.

Mr. Wallace said ratification of the pact would result in a fantastic and endless spending for arms. He said "it is reasonably certain that the minimum rearming of Western Europe will exceed U.S.\$20,000,000,000."

The Progressive Party leader denounced the pact as a military alliance aimed at aggression against Soviet Russia. He said the treaty is a flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter.

"The pact destroys the chance of European recovery. It demands spending by Americans without limit in dollars or time. It will create an intolerable burden on our own people and loss of fundamental freedoms," he said.

The first of the anti-pact witnesses, Mr. Wallace urged the Committee to reject the treaty or at least delay action on it until the Big Four Foreign Ministers hold the forthcoming conference in Germany.

"Our government sincerely desires a peaceful arrangement with the Soviet Union on the vital German question we must approach her with the peace of good faith negotiations and not with the sword of the Atlantic Pact," he said.

Mr. Wallace expanded his criticism of the pact into a general denunciation of the administration's foreign policy. He said his policy is sponsored by Britain's Winston Churchill and a "small group of military men and imperialists who join him. The pact is a policy which can only be won from which we have nothing to gain even should we be fortunate enough to win a military victory. There will only be loss of trillions of dollars and untold millions of American lives and in all likelihood the end of our system of government," United Press.

Reds In China,
Burma Sign Pact

Shanghai, May 5.

The Chinese Communist Party has officially concluded treaties with the Burmese Communists and the North Korea People's Government for joint action in the struggle for liberation in Asia, according to an official Nationalist Central News Agency despatch from Rangoon today.

Three representatives from the Chinese Communist Party went to Burma and concluded a treaty with the Burmese Reds on February 25 this year, the report claimed.

The provisions of the treaty were alleged to include: First, both the Chinese Communists and the Burmese Communists are to hold rigidly to their common struggle for the liberation of peoples of South East Asia and that they shall take steps in unison on their war strategy.

Secondly, the Chinese Communist Party and the Burmese Communist Party are to exchange information on their war strategy and other actions in their joint struggle against American and British imperialism.

Thirdly, in their actions against American and British imperialism both the Chinese Communist Party and the Burmese Communist Party are to adhere to the decisions and resolutions of the Communist International.

Fourthly, in the event of necessity, the Chinese Communist Party will support the Burmese Communist Party along the Chinese-Burmese border and post advance guards at these points.

Fifthly, the All-Burmese Labour Union, the All-Burmese People's Democratic Youth Alliance and the All-Burmese Students Federation are to establish liaison with the Chinese Communists.

The agreement between the Chinese Communists and the North Korea Government, according to the Central News Agency, provides, inter alia, aggression of whatever nature; mutual assistance in the event one of the signatories should be attacked by an imperialist power.

Chinese Communist support to the North Korean people in their struggle for independence, unity and democracy.

Chinese Communist supply of arms, material and manpower to North Korea from Manchuria during the period from July 1, 1949, to August 3, 1950.

Top priority for the North Korea Government in the employment of Japanese technicians in Manchuria and Japanese military supplies in Manchuria, and the establishment of barter trade between the two countries.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Fifth Race Meeting,

SATURDAY, 7th MAY, 1949.

There are ten races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m. Through Numbers (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the last race, as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the 6th Race Meeting on 21st May 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race and those for the "Lantau Handicap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that their and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

"PUBLIC ENCLOSURE". The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting. Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY. They are required to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' hands.

BY ORDER,
D. L. PROBERT,
Actg. Secretary.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Hide some of his gifts in the bureau drawer with his clean socks—he never looks in there of his own accord!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

MAJOR LEAD PREFERRED. ALL GOOD defenders bear in mind, when working against a No Trump contract, the fact that either opponent would have been quite likely to bid any four-card major suit during the auction, but might well have kept a pretty good minor concealed, even if it be still longer than that. For this reason, when confronted with a choice of meritorious opening leads, they ordinarily prefer an unbid major to an unbid minor. Knowing of that sound preference, a certain number of keen cardmen will take a chance on a No Trump contract when holding an unopened minor, but seldom try it with an unstopped major.

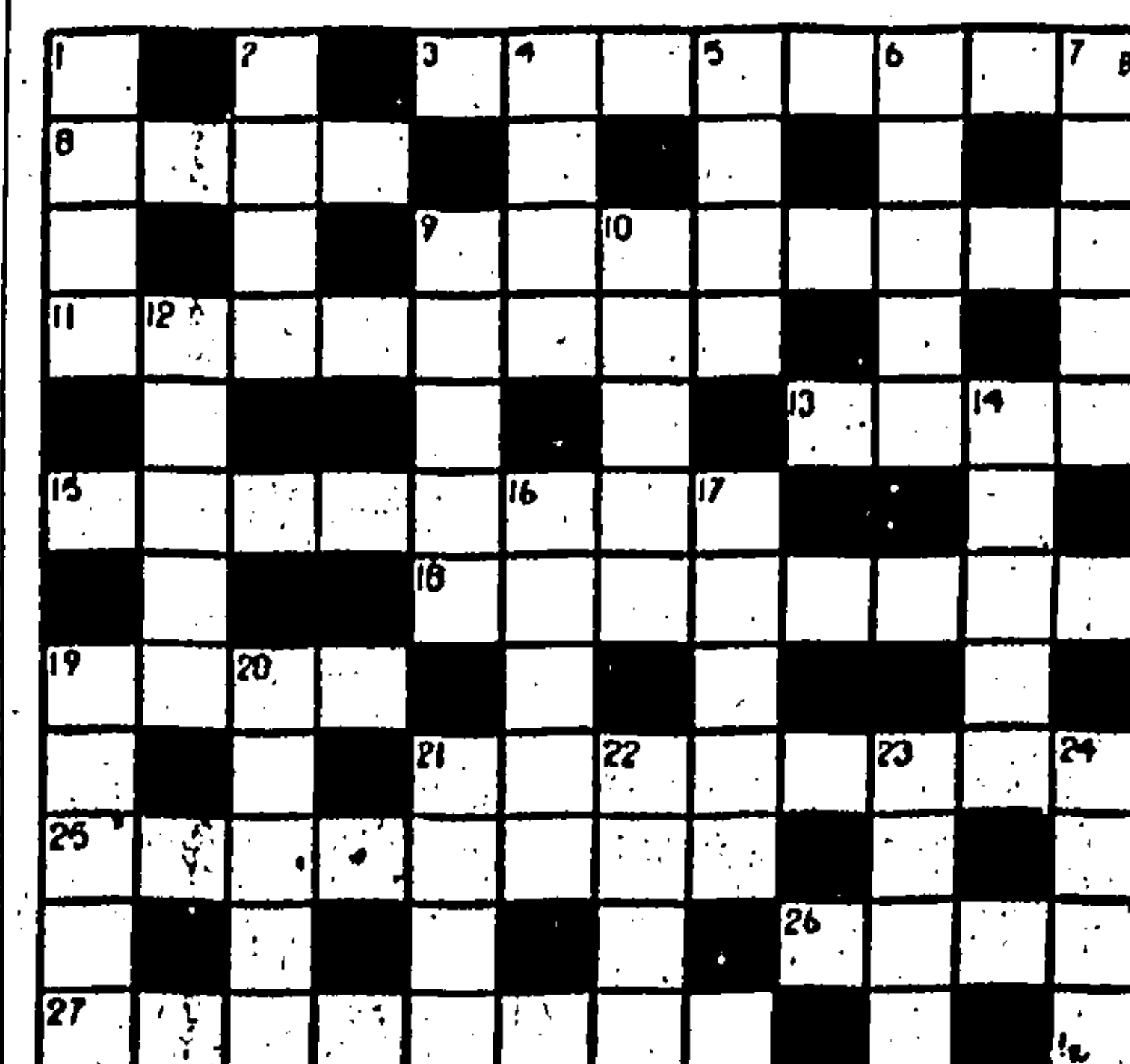
Realising that leading either red suit would be totally unsound, West was obliged to choose between the black suits. He selected spades for the logical reason that either opponent, holding as many as four spades, would have been likely to bid that major somewhere along the line, whereas if a good minor suit were held, it might have been kept out of sight. So he put forth the spade 6, whereupon South ran all 13 tricks without even trying a finesse.

If West had known South a little better, he would have realised how that worthy likes to bid No Trumps with an unstopped minor because of the known preference of most opponents for major leads. If he had considered such a factor and had taken a club, his side would have taken the first five tricks to defeat the contract.

Let's not discuss the merits of that bidding, from the standpoint of North and South. It was pretty bad for them to get into such a contract, as 3-No Trumps when small slam would have been such a certainty at either red suit. It is West's problem that is now under consideration.

If your wild 1-Spade psychic in the South is answered by North's 2-Hearts and East passes, what would you do next?

A-BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 3 Exortion of force.
- 8 Plunder.
- 9 Sentimental hands.
- 11 Go-between.
- 13 Spoken.
- 15 Put together.

Down

- 1 Slender.
- 2 Audacious.
- 4 Tumult.
- 5 Box.
- 6 Extreme.
- 7 Surpass.
- 9 Swift.
- 10 Mannequin.
- 12 Run off.
- 14 On the move.
- 16 Lawful.
- 17 Finger.
- 18 Mad.
- 20 Stick.
- 21 Average.
- 22 Adjoining.
- 23 Unfashion.
- 24 Dash.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Assoc. 4 Perch. 7 Exercise, 8 Fault, 9 Stars, 11 Narrate, 12 Bohemia, 15 Silent, 18 Teeth, 19 Emulated, 20 Ridge, 21 Tremor.

DOWN: 1 Avert, 2 Error, 3 Slipend, 4 Prece, 5 Regular, 6 Hurtle, 10 Achieved, 12 Assault, 13 Rattle, 14 Adhere, 16 Leave, 17 Tudor.

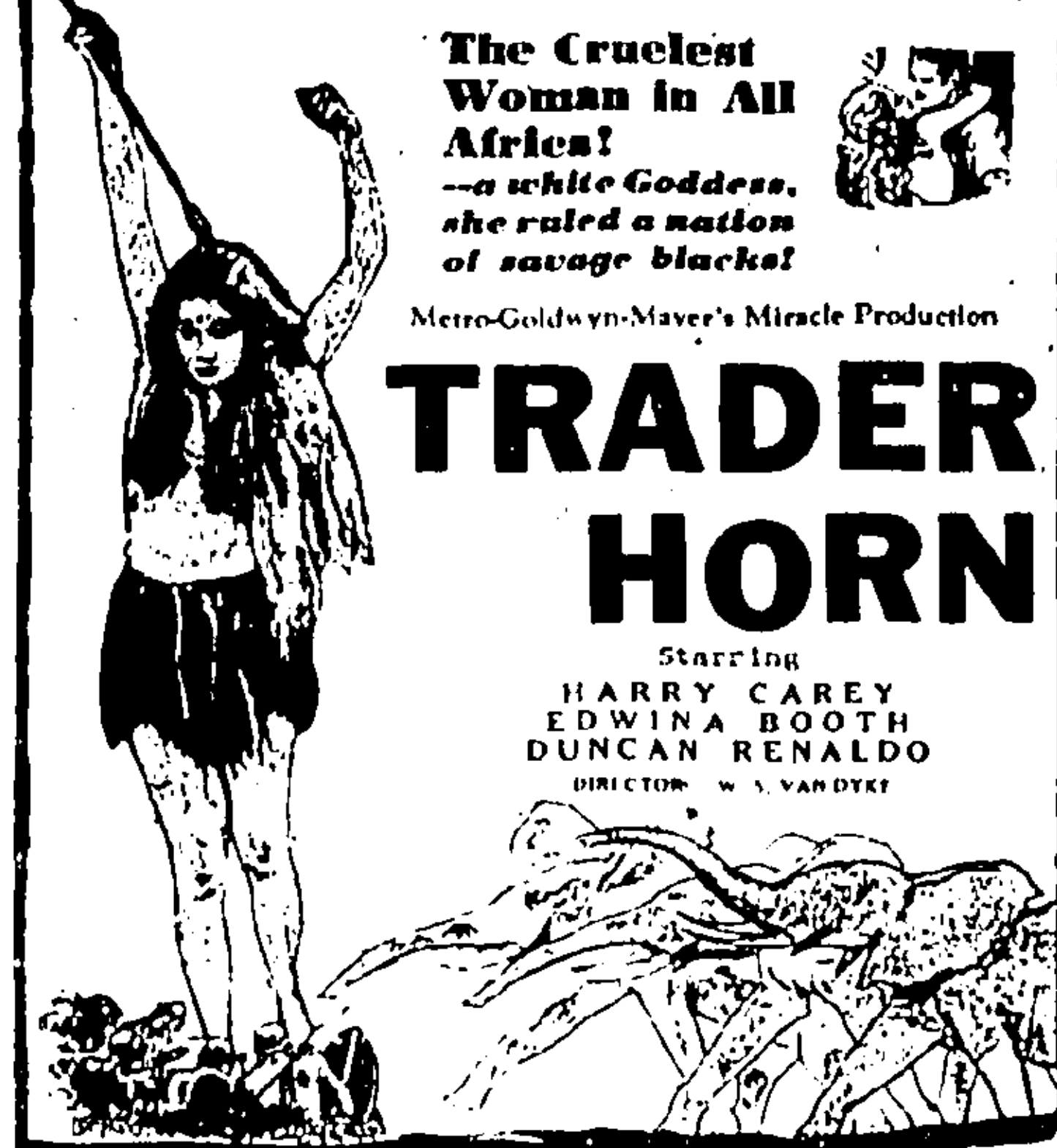
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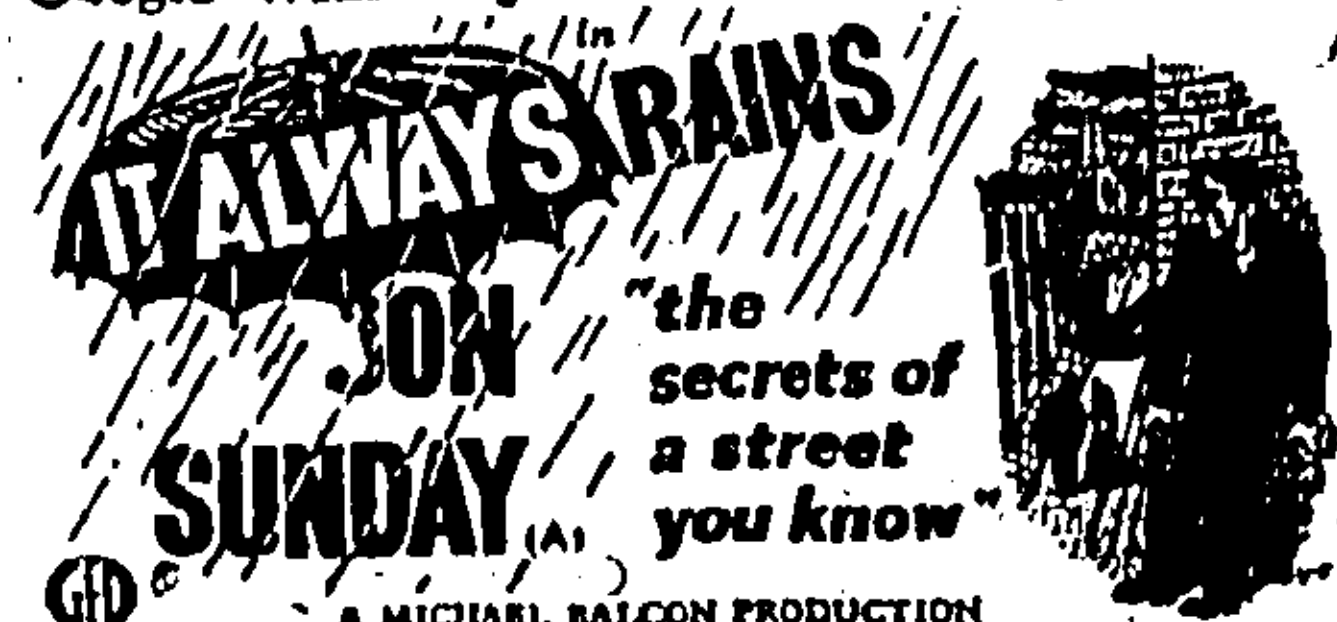
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If you do, then you'll enjoy Paramount's "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," which stars Bing Crosby, Rhonda Fleming, William Bendix and Sir Cedric Hardwicke, and which is due to open at the Queen's Theatre next week.

Movie-goers are warned in advance, however, to forget all the facts of history they might have picked up, since, perhaps, a date or two and the names of some of the gallant knights of the time of King Arthur.

Armed with this ignorance of past events, Mark Twain's story unfolds itself on the screen as a fairly enjoyable, though somewhat far fetched fantasy. There is an over-abundance of slapstick present, which is understandable; after all, Bing Crosby and William Bendix aren't exactly the prototypes of sane and respectable people when it comes to standing in front of a camera.

The picture is definitely not one of Bing's best. In fact, the Groucher is sadly disappointing, and the movie-goer will find himself longingly looking around for that other member of the usual two-man comedy team, Bob Hope. The songs, too, are not up to the usual Crosby standard.

It all starts when Bing, going about his business in Hartford, Connecticut, is thrown from his horse and knocked into unconsciousness. When he comes to, he is being taken prisoner by William Bendix in a hardware suit and brought to face charges of being a "monster" before King Arthur and his Knights.

How he becomes romantically involved with the King's lady fair, how he outwits Merlin, the Magician, who wants him burned, and how he just manages to escape the 528 A. D. version of the guillotine, makes up the top of the pictures.

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Twentieth Century-Fox, whose excursions into the filmisation of best sellers have brought the screen some of its most outstanding—and also some of its most tedious—entertainments, has reached into the literature of the stage for its latest production.

"Escape," based on John Galsworthy's suspense drama, which stars Rex Harrison and Peggy Cummins, is due to open at the Roxy Theatre next week.

Few happier choices could have been made for transference to the screen than the work of Galsworthy, whose position as one of the great English dramatists of our time has been firmly established.

In his writing for the stage, Galsworthy has always maintained a dominant quality of realism. His abhorrence of theatrics has been one of the key stones of the powerfully human and dramatic impact his plays carry. In addition, his dialogue is noted for its naturalness and crispness. It is never obtuse, but pointed and real.

"Escape," like most of Galsworthy's plays, is flooded with the author's deep sensitivity to the faults, follies and cruelties of men and society. And while, like Shaw and Ibsen, Galsworthy, through his works provoked important social reforms, his plays, above all, avoid the usual pitfalls of the reformers, and are always on the human level.

In "Escape," and its story of Matt Dehant (Rex Harrison) Galsworthy unfolds the drama of a man who, stung by the injustice of having been sentenced to prison for an accidental killing, plunges himself into a desperate and ill-fated adventure. The story is told with a mounting tension and dramatic impact and the makers of the film are to be congratulated for having done a good job.

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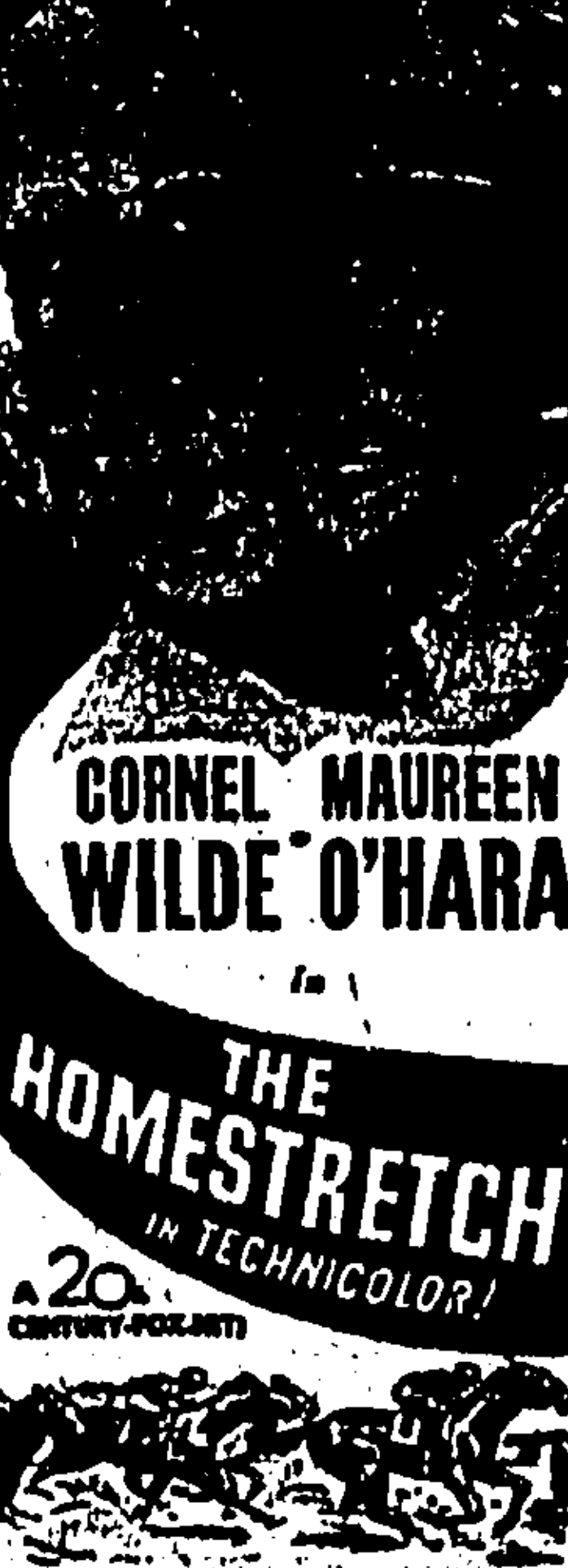
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Well known for her dramatic roles, Miss Shu has two widely-contrasted parts in "Virtue in the Dust"—those of a mother and her own daughter. She does justice to the old woman and the teen-aged daughter, and her portrayal of both parts is one of the highlights of the picture.

Fine support in this story of the tragedy of a country girl's first venture into the big cities is given by Hung Po, who earned a great name as the Grand Eunuch in "The Sorrows of the Forbidden City," Miss Mong Na, Lo Wei and Chang Shan.

Acted in modern settings, "Virtue in the Dust" is accompanied by explanatory sub-titles in English.

WEEK-END FILM FARE

ALHAMBRA: "Trader Horn" (MGM) starring Harry Carey and Edwina Booth—a white goddess in the African Jungle

KING'S: "A Song Is Born" (RKO) starring Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo—a musical with laughs

LEE: "Scott of the Antarctic" (Eagle-Lion) starring John Mills—the epic of Captain Scott

QUEEN'S: "Trader Horn" (MGM) starring Harry Carey and Edwina Booth
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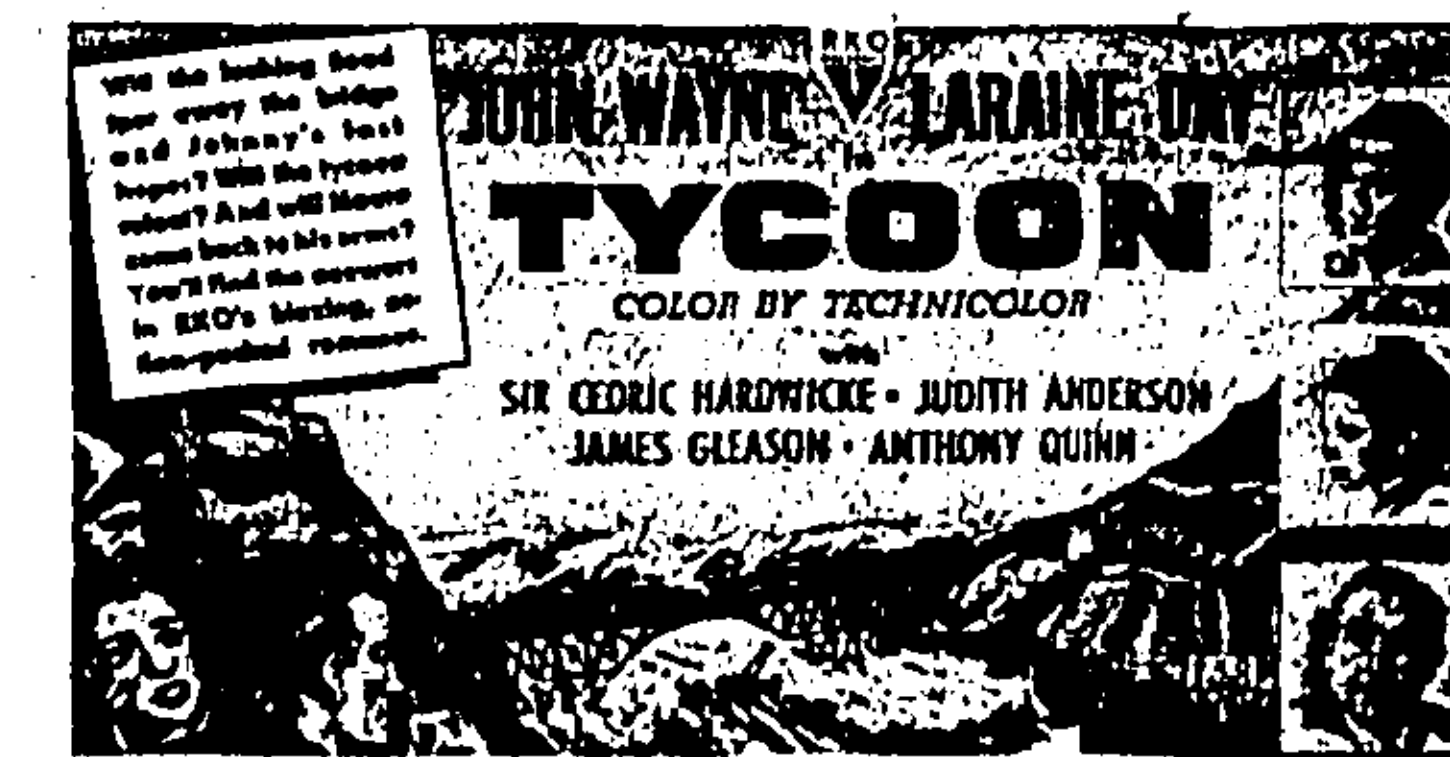


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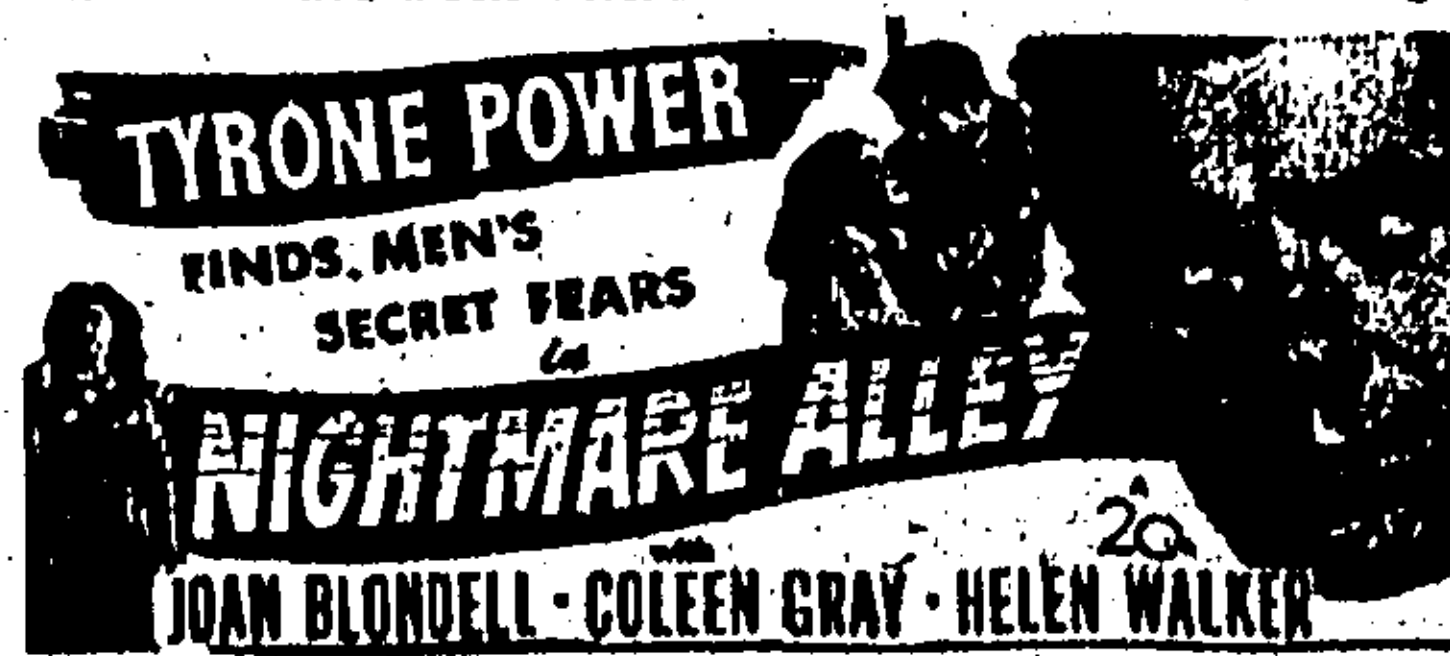
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BERLIN BLOCKADE TO END NEXT THURSDAY

Agreement Reached At Talks In New York

New York, May 5.

Russia and the Western powers agreed yesterday on ending the Berlin blockade. They also called a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers to discuss the whole German problem.

The blockade will end on May 12 and the Council will meet on May 23 in Paris, British sources said. The dates are expected to be announced officially in a communique on Thursday.

The agreement of the Soviet Union, France, Britain and the United States was announced after envoys of the four powers met behind closed doors for an hour and a half. It was the first time that all four powers had met on the problem since their Ambassadors failed to find an answer last Summer.

Mr. Porter McKeever, American press officer, issued a statement on behalf of all four powers. It said:

"The representatives of the four powers have discussed all the problems arising in connection with the situation which, as you know, has been under discussion. Agreement has been reached on all the main questions of principle.

Ruthless Drive By Russians

Bloomington, Indiana, May 4.

Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, ERP Administrator, said today that Russia is engaged in a ruthless power drive.

The chances of halting it depend upon the success of America's economic recovery programme for Europe, he said.

"Only success in America's battle to bring economic recovery to Europe can halt Russia's power drive, a force as ruthless as Genghis Khan," Mr. Hoffman said.

He added: "Our way of life will be secure if Europe is strong and free in 1952.

But it will be in great jeopardy if the recovery programme fails."—United Press.

WAR DECLARED ON EMPLOYERS

London May 4.

One of Britain's "Big Six" trades unions today declared war on any employer seeking to dismiss staff on political or religious grounds.

The Executive of the 350,000-strong Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers will meet this week-end to discuss its attitude to a move to dismiss any-one of the 12,000 employees of the John Lewis Partnership (Departmental Stores Association) who refuse to declare that they are not Communists.

Its general attitude is indicated in a statement from the Union's London office: "As a union we will fight any dismissal made on these grounds. We think that this does not stop at the Communists but could be directed at Socialists as well."—Reuter.

"There are certain details which are still under consideration but it can be said specifically that an agreement has been reached and that all of the restrictions imposed in Germany which have been the subject of these conversations will be mutually lifted.

"After an interval, a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers will be held. The Council of Foreign Ministers will consider questions relating to Germany and the problems arising out of the situation in Berlin, including also the question of currency in Berlin.

"The four representatives are hopeful that the remaining matters of detail can be adjusted in a very short period of time.

Delegates Meet

"If those details are speedily arranged, it is the intention that a communique embodying the agreement reached will be issued simultaneously in the four countries at 8.00 a.m. (New York time). If it proves necessary to have a further discussion of the remaining details such a discussion will be held in the near future."

Later Mr. McKeever said all details had been arranged for the communique to be issued on Thursday. This is taken here as meaning that the only thing left is the official announcement setting the date.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Ambassador-at-Large, Mr. Philip C. Jessup, received the representatives of the three other powers in the American UN delegation headquarters.

M. Jean Chauvel of France arrived first. He was followed by a few minutes later by Sir Alexander Cadogan of Britain.

Russian Mr. Jakob A. Malik and a secretary-interpreter joined them and the conference was on. They afterwards went to another room to be photographed and then went back to their offices.

Mr. Malik was asked if an agreement had been reached. He replied "almost". That was the most elaborate comment received from him since he began talking with Dr. Jessup on February 15.

Dr. Jessup, who has been constantly on the job for more than a week trying to bring discussions to a conclusion, arranged to return to Washington on Wednesday night to report to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, on Thursday.

Seventh Session

UN sources here indicate that May 12 date for raising the blockade is correct, but are dubious about May 23. They said that date violates an understanding that 14 days would

elapse between the time the blockade ended and the time the Ministers meet. That would put the Council date at May 26.

This will be the seventh session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, formed in the closing days of the second world war. The last meeting was in London from November 23 to December 15, 1947. At that time the Ministers did not even agree on what to talk about and Mr. George C. Marshall, then U.S. Secretary of State, broke up the meeting with a suggestion that the Ministers adjourn.

The Soviet Union shortly afterwards began its restrictions in Berlin and the Western powers married up their moves to set up a Western German government. The Berlin blockade was finally imposed by the Russians last June 19. The Western powers quickly retaliated with a counter-blockade and with the airlift. The airlift has cost about 50 American and British lives and more than \$150,000,000 from the U.S. Treasury.

Dr. Jessup saw Mr. Malik twice last week. Then he talked with Sir Alexander and M. Chauvel on Wednesday. On Monday night he sent by messenger to Mr. Malik a letter on the situation as it stood then.

UN Optimism

Mr. Malik replied late on Tuesday night to Dr. Jessup's letter, also by messenger. The meeting on Wednesday was arranged.

UN delegates welcome the announcement. Mr. Vladimir Houdok of Czechoslovakia, told reporters: "It can lead to the settlement of the German problem and then to the broader agreement for which we all hope."

Mr. Warren R. Austin, Chief U.S. delegate, greeted the news with obvious satisfaction but declined to comment. "I'll leave the talking to Dr. Jessup," Mr. Austin said.

Erigerad General Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines said: "What the UN started in Paris has borne fruit."—Associated Press.

NO NEGOTIATION

Athens, May 4.

Authoritative Greek sources said today that the Greek Government will not accept even indirect negotiations with the guerrillas before they lay down arms.

They were reacting to reports that Dr. Herbert Ewart, Australian President of the United Nations Assembly, is working for Greek peace and a suggestion attributed to Miltides Porphyrogenis, a representative of the guerrillas. This was that the "Provisional Government of Free Greece" is ready to come to terms with Athens.—Reuter.

Why The Blockade Is Being Lifted

Bon, May 4.

Professor Carlo Schmidt, Socialist Chairman of the West German Constituent Assembly's Main Committee, said tonight that the lifting of the blockade is due to the untenable situation in which the Soviet attempt to force Berlin into the Eastern Zone has landed itself.

The Western counter-blockade had proved more effective than the Eastern blockade of Berlin, he added.

"Agreement at the conference of Foreign Ministers will serve the peace of Europe only if the people of the Soviet Zone regain the chance to constitute their own Government, free from fear and compulsion.

"Events of the last weeks have shown that our efforts to constitute a democratic Commonwealth in that part of Germany which enjoys at least a measure of freedom have improved the prospects of such unity. Therefore we shall carry on."

Western Berliners tonight hailed the news of the imminent lifting of the blockade, which will bring them lighted streets, evening trams and real hot food for the first time in 11 months.

Since the Russian blockade was clamped down last June, street lighting has been almost suspended, trams and underground trains have stopped running at 6.00 p.m., and the only potatoes available have been dried or powdered.—Reuter.

COLONIES AND BRITISH TRADE

London, May 4.

Colonial production could make an important contribution to balancing Britain's trade with the Western Hemisphere, Lord Pakenham, Minister of Civil Aviation, told a House of Lords debate tonight on Britain's economic position.

The great Colonial development projects were undertaken to increase productive and dollar-earning capacity, he said.

Last year the Colonies earned considerably more in dollars than they spent, the chief dollar earners being Malaya and West Africa, Lord Pakenham added. The importance of this Colonial dollar surplus is emphasised in Britain's long-term programme which shows Britain herself as still having a deficit of more than £70,000,000 with the Western Hemisphere in 1952 to 1953.—Reuter.

CONSCRIPTION BURNING TOPIC

London, May 4.

Whether Britain can call up citizens of Republican Eire living in Britain became a burning topic in political quarters here today following the publication of the Ireland Bill.

Authoritative sources hold the definite view that any citizen of Eire of military age, resident for two years in Britain, is liable to be conscripted under the National Service Act.

The broad principle is maintained that people who enjoy the privileges of living in Britain must share the duties. The only alternative for an Irishman objecting to this, they said, would be for him to return to Eire, and it is pointed out that up to now only a very small number of Eire citizens liable to conscription have preferred to return to their home country.—Reuter.

London Hush-Hush On Pacific Fleet

London, May 4.

The Admiralty today declined to disclose the disposition of the British fleet in the Pacific.

Mr. John Boyd Carpenter, Conservative, asked in the House of Commons for the number of British ships by classes present and available in the Pacific on April 20, 1949, with comparable figures for January 1, 1947.

Mr. John Dugdale, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, declined on the grounds that to give this information would not accord with Government policy.

He told Commander Allan Noble, another Conservative, that an aircraft carrier was last in the Pacific in October, 1947.

It was withdrawn because it was felt that the number of vessels on the station was at that time in proper proportion to the total available for service abroad and sufficient for Far Eastern waters.—Reuter.

LIBERAL SCHEME FOR DEFENCE OF COMMONWEALTH

London, May 4.

The Liberal Party proposed today that members of the Commonwealth should be asked to undertake as many overseas garrison duties as possible to release British troops for training and operations elsewhere.

The Party issued a pamphlet analysing Britain's national defence problems.

It said a saving for Britain of 30,000 men could be effected if the Dominion Governments accept more responsibility for overseas garrison and police duties. Other recommendations in the report:

1. The immediate task is to ordinate and integrate the defence forces of the free world to establish within the United Nations effective security and collective defence against aggression.

2. The cost of the regional defence organisation must be shared by the participants in such a way that no single nation can be economically or financially crippled by its own cost of defence.

The Liberals believe that conscription has a detrimental effect on the state of readiness of Britain's forces.

They advocate an immediate re-organisation of the Army by increasing the voluntary element and cutting the conscript force without reducing the total.

KARL GOEBBELS GETS REMISSION

Frankfurt, May 4.

Karl Goebbels, brother of Hitler's Minister of Propaganda, has had a four-year labour camp sentence as an active Nazi reduced to three years by the Darmstadt Appeal Court.

The two years and nine months he has already been under arrest will count towards the sentence. Karl Goebbels was General Manager of Nazi publishing houses in Hesse-Nassau.—Reuter.



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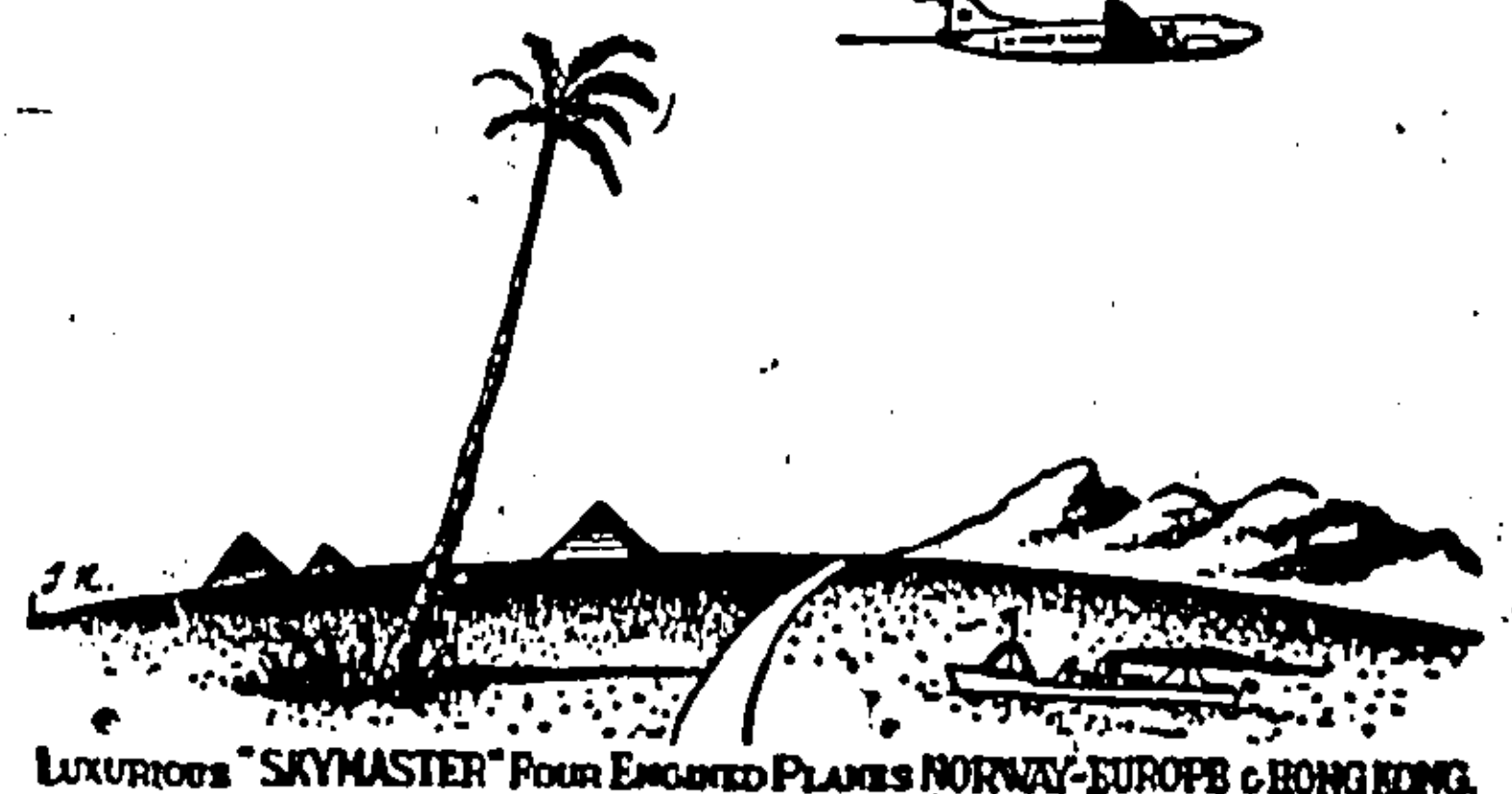
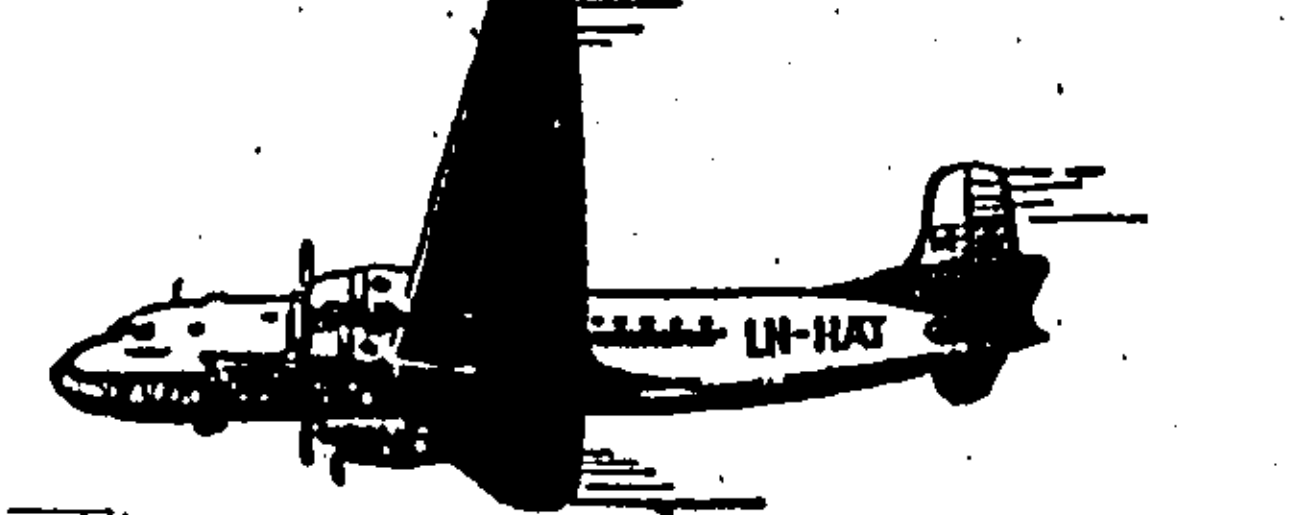
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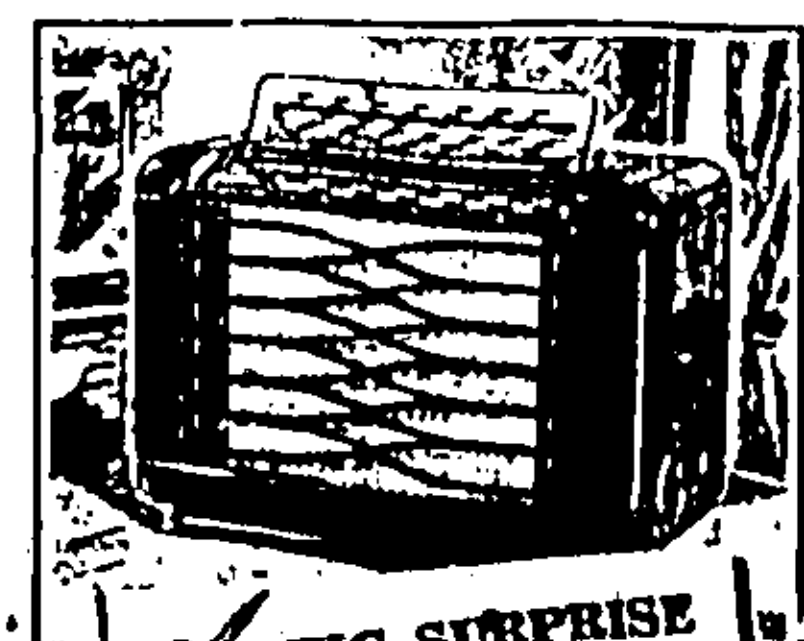
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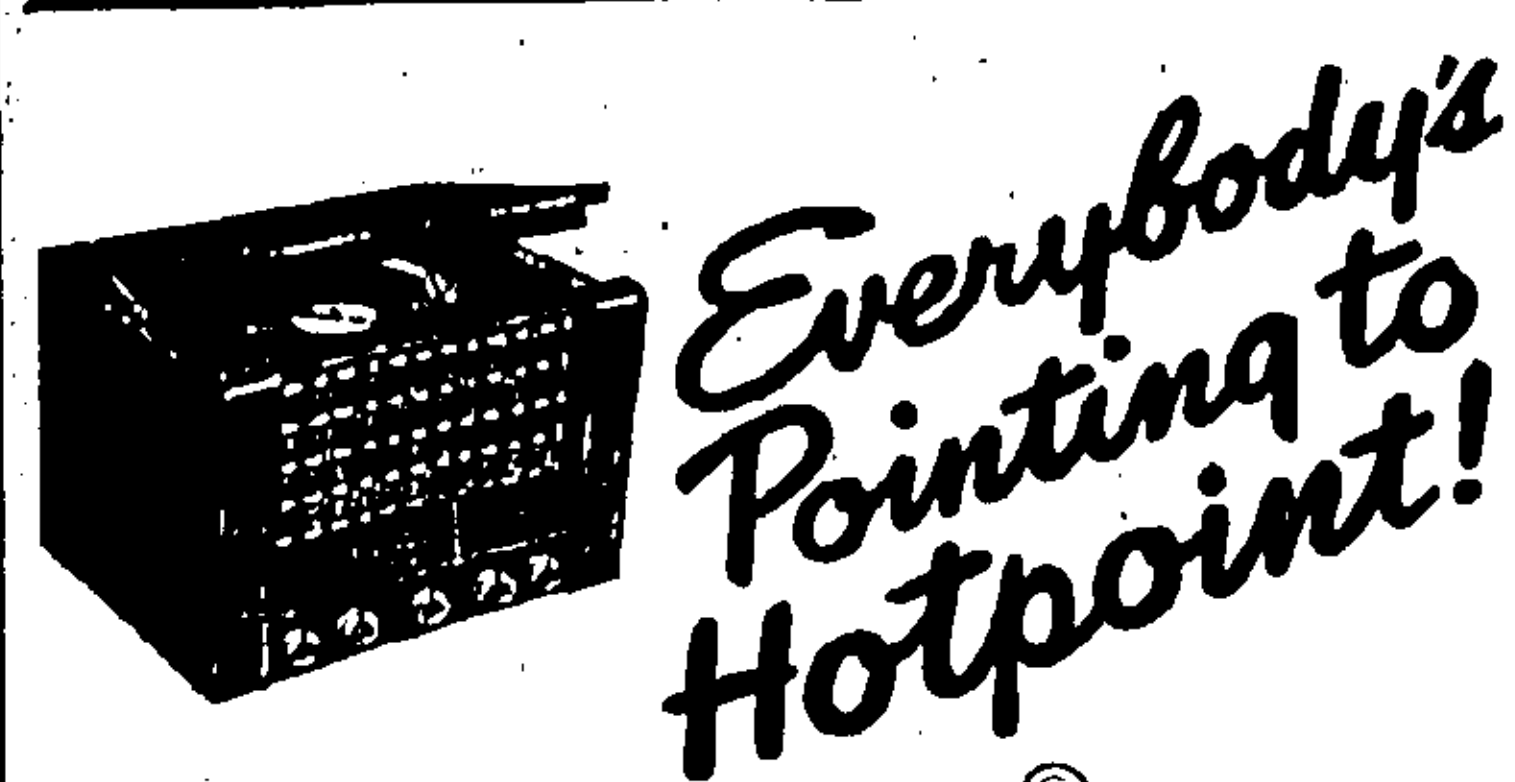
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KMT Paper's Amazing Attack On Officials

Shanghai, May 5.
In an outspoken attack on the "political rubbish" which has taken refuge in Taiwan, the "Central Daily News" in Taipei declared yesterday: "Taiwan cannot shoulder the burden."
The "Central Daily News" is a pro-Government paper which recently moved from Nanking to Taipei itself. It was carried in the official Central News Agency service.

The "Central Daily News" said Taiwan's people are surviving on a semistarvation diet and they can never afford to feed the "political rubbish."

HEALTH SCHEME RACKET

London, May 4.
A Conservative Member, Sir Waldron Smithers, alleged in the House of Commons that thousands of ailing foreigners are flocking to England to get false teeth, spectacles, and cut-rate surgical operations under the National Health scheme.

Sir Waldron protested against the distribution of a National Health Service pamphlet promising free medical treatment to visiting tourists. Europeans are rushing to Britain to get free false teeth and eye glasses and then going to Amsterdam to sell them, he said. A French doctor acquaintance recently complained to him that he is losing his patients to England's socialised medicine scheme, as it is cheaper for Frenchmen to pay the fare from Calais to Dover for free British medical treatment than to patronise their own physicians.

"This means that doctors in France are having a bad time," Sir Waldron said. He suggested that the Health Minister, Aneurin Bevan, be made to pay for the foreign medical bill out of his own pocket.—United Press.

Leopold Divorce Denial

Brussels, May 4.
King Leopold's secretary denied here today press reports alleging that the Belgian Regent, Prince Charles, now visiting Rome, has discussed with the Pope the possibility of a divorce between his brother, the exiled King, and his second wife, Princess Lilian de Rethy.

King Leopold's secretary, Professor Jacques Pirenne, stated in a communiqué: "These reports constitute a new link in the systematic campaign devised to harm the King and to oppose him to his brother, the Regent." King Leopold's first wife, Queen Astrid, born a Swedish princess, died in a motor accident in Switzerland in 1935. His second marriage to Miss Lilian Baels, aged 23, a daughter of a Belgian high official, who was awarded the style of Princess de Rethy, took place in enemy-occupied Belgium in 1941.

The Pope received Prince Charles in official audience today.—Reuter.

"Every penny in Taiwan must be spent for the security and welfare of Taiwan's people. Those who have eaten up the major part of China must not be allowed to come and eat up Taiwan," the paper said.

Oddly, the story was carried the day before Chiang Kai-shek was reported to have reached Taichung in Central Taiwan. Associated Press correspondent George Lu cabled from Taihwa that the Taiwan Governor, Chen Cheng, boarded a plane for Tai-chung early yesterday to greet Chiang, and that the sub-manager of the Taiwan Tourist Bureau was despatched to Tai-chung to prepare accommodation for Chiang who was reported to be putting up at Sun Moon Lake. The Taiwan authorities refused to confirm or deny the report, while in Shanghai sources which usually are aware of Chiang's movements said he had flown South.

"Effrontery"

The "Central Daily News" blamed the "staggering outlays made by the Taiwan Provincial Government in entertaining distinguished personages for the recent nose-dive of the value of Taiwan money."

The paper defined "political rubbish" as "retired and incumbrant high Government officials who should have been eliminated long ago as targets of a people's revolution. However, at the present critical moment they still have the effrontery to come down here and maintain a ruler's position."

"These officials, although evidently seeking refuge here, are still putting up their former pagantry and show, greatly humiliating Taiwan Government personnel in treating them as hotel waiters."

"However, these officials living in pomp and show are still not aware that black fury is smoldering in the hearts of the people, who are trying to vent their anger by eating their flesh and sleeping on their skin."

Paper's Proposal

The "Central Daily News" proposed that "henceforth the Taiwan Government will offer no hospitality to any incoming officials, except those whose mission down here has a direct bearing on the provincial administration."

Taiwan, rich island off the South China coast which was a Japanese possession until the end of the Japan war and then was returned to China, subject to a final peace, has been the destination of hundreds of great and small National Government, provincial and municipal officials since the Communists swept South. If Chiang has really gone to Taiwan at long last—his movements always are clouded in the deepest secrecy—he is the last but the highest of this migration, which may soon be increased from Canton as the Reds move farther South of the river.—Associated Press.

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Nine Dead In PI Poisoning

Manila, May 4.
Nine village residents of Ifagan, in Abola Province, are reported to have died as a result of ptomaine poisoning after eating spoiled fish sold to have been sold by vendors from the Cagayan port of Aparri. Another 40 people are in a serious condition through similar poisoning. Although the tragedy occurred during the week-end, the matter was not reported to the Provincial authorities until yesterday.—Reuter.

REDS NOW HAVE AIR FORCE

Shanghai, May 4.
The Communist Peiping radio said today that formations of Communist fighters and bombers made their first appearance at the May Day celebration in Mukden.

It said the planes were acquired from Nationalist pilots and crews who defected to the Reds with their planes.

(This is the first mention of anything resembling a Chinese Communist Air Force.)

The commentator said American-made B25's and P4's flew over the huge crowd while ground forces displayed "rows of guns, tanks and mortars, mostly American-made."

The crowd, estimated at 170,000, heard speakers denounce the Kuomintang and "American imperialism."

Another exhibit on display was the flag of the former Nationalist cruiser Chungking, which defected to the Communists and was subsequently bombed and sunk by Nationalist warplanes.—United Press.

Ganapathy Execution

London, May 4.
Political developments arising from the execution in Malaya early this morning of A. Ganapathy are being watched with close interest in Whitehall.

Ganapathy, a Tamil aged 24, and former President of the Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions, was found guilty and sentenced to death by the Selangor Assizes on March 15 on charges of carrying a .45 revolver and six rounds of ammunition.

Colonial experts here expect far-reaching developments following the execution.

Legal experts on Colonial matters are investigating the constitutional issues involved in the carrying out of the death sentence, and also the question of jurisdiction governing the many appeals that were made on behalf of Ganapathy.

Observers point out that under the Federation of Malaya agreement the exercise of the prerogative of mercy is a matter for the ruler of the State in which the offence has been committed with the legal advice of the Federation's Attorney-General.—Reuter.

CHURCHES OPPOSED TO AID FOR CHINA

New York, May 5.

A Protestant Mission Board spokesman representing about 29,000,000 American church members came out yesterday against further military aid to China.

In letters sent to the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, the spokesmen for the Foreign Missions Conference of North America urged support of the State Department's non-intervention policy in China.

The letters, signed by the Reverend Dr. Frank Y. Cartwright, Chairman of the Conference's China Committee, and the Reverend Dr. Rowland M. Gross, Executive Secretary, were sent to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The Conference represents 20 denominations.

"We are convinced," the letter stated, "that in the present stage of China's development, no effective basis for a peaceful change of government has been established and that a valid civil election recognised by all parties is a practical impossibility."

Confidence Lost

"It is evident that the people of China in general have lost confidence in the Kuomintang Government and desire a change, although many of them would prefer another choice than either of the two alternatives presented."

"We are convinced that effective intervention on behalf of the Kuomintang Government would require immense supplies of military equipment; the active participation of American armed forces and the direction of the entire military administration from top to bottom by American personnel."

"This would turn all classes of Chinese people against America. It would make necessary either the armed policing of China by American troops for a period of unpredictable duration, or complete withdrawal and return to the non-intervention policy."

The spokesman said the letter was prompted by the pressure being brought on Congress to extend military aid to China.

He said the conference's views are based on conversations and correspondence with American missionaries in China and their Chinese colleagues.—Associated Press.

RELIEVE FOR NIGHT CLUBS

London, May 4.
The Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, today offered a reprieve to London night clubs and "bottle parties" which are threatened with extinction under the new licensing law.

Late drinking concessions, previously restricted to London hotels and restaurants, will be extended to night clubs if they satisfy the London County Council requirements for music and dancing licences. This will mean that they can keep open until 2.30 a.m.

"Bottle parties," night clubs in which admission is restricted to "invited guests who have to order their drinks in advance" will get the same facilities if they register as night clubs.

New clauses to the Licensing Bill incorporating these concessions will be moved by Mr Chuter Ede in the House of Commons tomorrow.—Reuter.

HK RADIO STATION'S POWER

London, May 4.
The possibility of increasing the power of the Hong Kong medium frequency broadcasting service is now being examined, Mr. David Rees-Williams, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, said in a Parliamentary reply today.

Mr. Walter Fletcher, Conservative, had asked what is being done to develop this station and extend its range, particularly throughout China.

Mr. Rees-Williams said that broadcasting coverage for the Far East including China, the function of the British Broadcasting Station in Singapore, not of Hong Kong Radio.

Mr. Fletcher said the Malayan station would take a long time to complete, would certainly not be effective in reaching North China and would probably not reach Central China.

Should not the Hong Kong station, therefore, be given priority?

Mr. Rees-Williams replied that he does not accept some of these implications. He was informed that the Singapore station would be very effective.—Reuter.

Batavia Apologises To India

New Delhi, May 4.
The Dutch Government in Indonesia has apologised to the Government of India for the shooting of three Indians at Dlabmi in Sumatra Island last December.

The apology was communicated to the Indian Consul-General in Batavia in reply to India's protest early in April.

The Dutch Communication said: "The Government of Indonesia takes this opportunity to accept responsibility for the crime committed by the Royal Netherlands Indonesian Army against three Indian nationals and to offer their sincerest apology to the Government of India for this most unfortunate incident."

The communication asked the Indian Consul-General to convey the Dutch Indonesian Government's deep regret to the relatives of the victims and to inform them of the Dutch Government's readiness to offer indemnifications.—Reuter.

£1,000 FOR TWO STAMPS

London, May 4.
Two Malayan stamps were sold for £1,105 at a London auction today. A \$500 purple and orange stamp, issued in 1906, fetched £875 and a \$500 purple and orange-brown, issued in 1912, fetched £230.

They were bought by a foreign collector, whose name was not disclosed.—Reuter.

Ingrid And Husband In Tearful Parting

Palermo, May 4.
The film star Ingrid Bergman and her husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom, who have been reported to be considering a divorce, today parted after a tearful embrace.

The parting was watched by the Italian film director, Roberto Rossellini, the alleged "other man", and a covey of cameramen.

The scene was enacted in front of the Royal Hotel, Messina, Sicily, where the three met last night with a lawyer.

Dr. Lindstrom, chief surgeon at the Los Angeles Hospital, came to Messina from Los Angeles after reports that his wife is considering marrying Signor Rossellini with whom she is at present making a film on the island of Stromboli.

After the tearful farewell, Miss Bergman and Signor Rossellini took ship for Stromboli, where they said they are going to finish the film named "After The Hurricane".

Dr. Lindstrom is reported to be returning to the United States. Last night's meeting, coupled with today's parting, produced a spate of rumours of a reconciliation.

These are opposed by an equally vehement set of affirmations from quarters, claiming to be well-informed, that Miss Bergman and her husband have decided on a divorce.

Rome film quarters today said that the Hollywood film chief, Howard Hughes, who is backing the Stromboli film, has decided to withdraw his support as "a sign of displeasure."

These quarters recall that Sam Goldwyn, who originally backed the film, withdrew his support two months ago after a meeting with Signor Rossellini.—Reuter.

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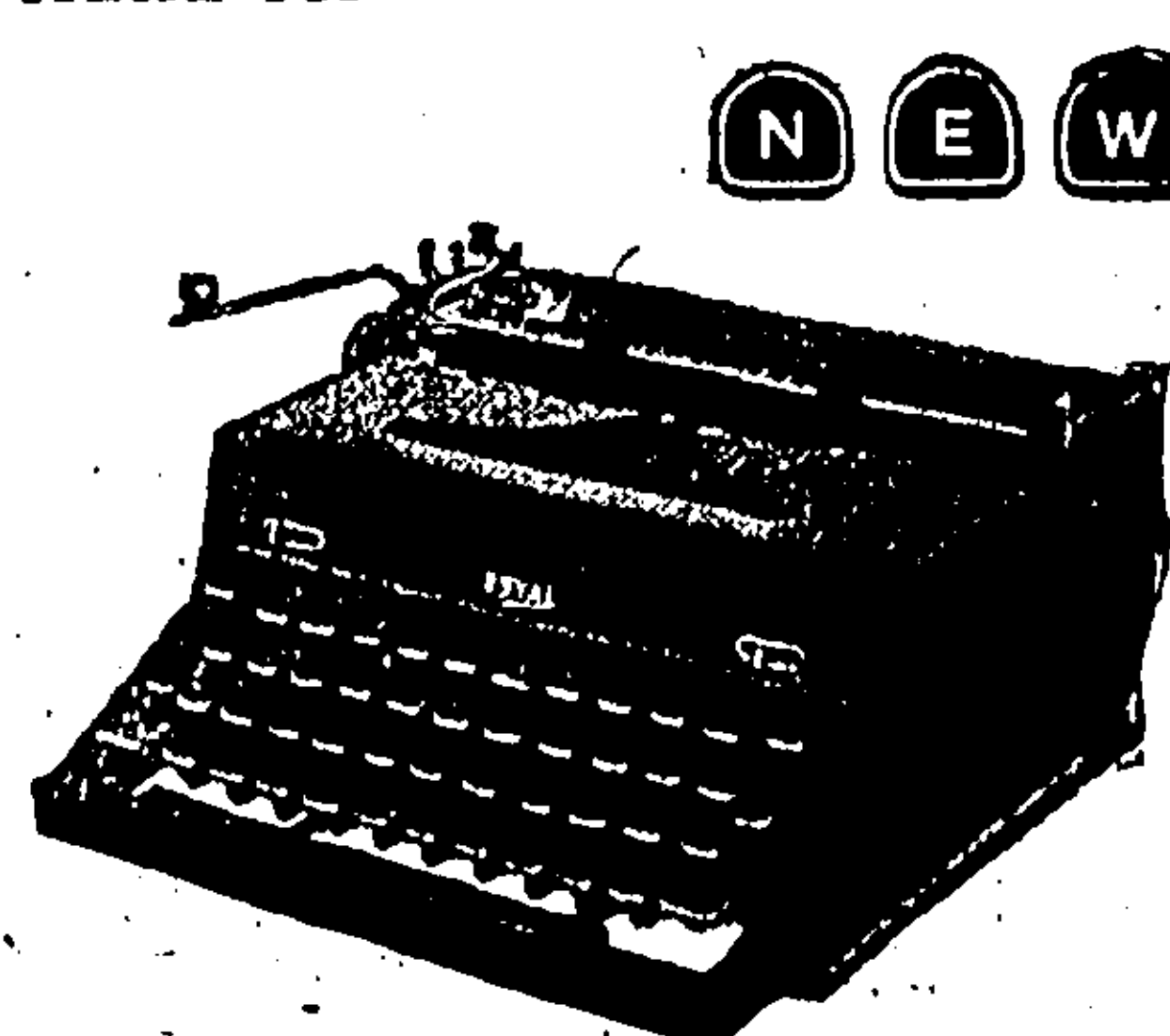
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CHENNAULT REPEATS PLEA FOR DECISION BY U.S. NOW

GLASGOW FIRE HORROR

Glasgow, May 4. Screaming women leaped from the blazing roof of a Glasgow fashion store today to escape a blaze in which at least 14 sale girls died. Two girls jumped 50 feet to their deaths. Three others who jumped with them escaped.

Some of the girls, who were trapped on upper floors, climbed to the roof of a next-door cinema and were saved by masked firemen with turntable ladders and rescue sheets.

Others could not escape the billowing flames and died in the building. Twelve bodies have been brought out of the debris so far.

Ambulances shuttled to and from the fashion store, in the heart of Glasgow's shopping centre, taking the injured to hospital, where at least 20 people were treated for burns. All Glasgow's fire-brigades turned out to fight the blaze and brought it under control soon after the building collapsed.

At the height of the fire, a policeman dashed into the store and rescued five girls who were trapped on an upper floor.

Five others, assisted by two men, escaped by climbing along a fourth floor window ledge, across the roof of an adjoining cinema and on to a third building where escape ladders had been placed.

Most of the bodies recovered were found huddled together on one of the upper floors.

"People in the store and the cinema next door became difficult to control when dense smoke billowed through the buildings," a police official said. —Reuter and Associated Press.

PACT RATIFIED

Brussels, May 4. The North Atlantic Pact was ratified today by the Belgian Chamber of Deputies. The voting was 139 votes in favour, 22 against, and one abstention.

All the Communist deputies abstained. One Socialist abstained. —Reuter.

Conclusive Stage Near In Java

Batavia, May 4. The informal Dutch-Republican talks being held here under the auspices of the United Nations to settle the Indonesian dispute should this week reach a conclusive stage.

The chief delegates, Dr. Jan H. Van Royen, for the Netherlands, and Dr. Roem, the Republican leader, have been for two weeks seeking agreement on:



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Washington, May 4. Major-General Claire Chennault told newspapermen and Government officials today that the United States' time for decision on China is now, immediately, or it will be too late.

A near-record crowd of 750 jammed the National Press Club to hear General Chennault say that the United States has but three choices regarding China:

1. Indifference. 2. Appeasement of the Communist. 3. Immediate aid.

As he did for the Senate Armed Services Committee yesterday, General Chennault described the vast Southern and Western periphery of China which, he said, could and would hold out against the Chinese Communists if given aid.

However, in answer to questions after his prepared remarks, General Chennault further recommended:

1. Military and economic aid be given directly to the Nationalist Government, but with direct American supervision of its administration at the top level of the Chinese Government. He said he made similar recommendations last year in connection with the US\$125,000,000 military aid programme but that the supervisory aspects had been ignored.

2. The United States assure the Nationalists of American moral support, under which they could organise and fight as under a banner.

He warned that indifference or appeasement could only result in Communist conquest of all China and eventually all Asia.

Widemeyer Report

He daily denied the Chinese had received \$2,000,000,000 in U.S. aid that they could utilise. No part of military aid under the \$125,000,000 programme fell into Communist hands, he alleged.

General Chennault said one reason none of it fell into Communist hands was that it did not arrive in time. If the Communists captured any of it they must have done so on the Pacific Ocean or at San Francisco, because it never reached Shanghai until after Hanchow fell, he stated.

Previous reports said arms shipments were diverted to Taiwan.

Washington's Attitude Is Unchanged

Washington, May 4. The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, told a press conference today that the Department's attitude on China is unchanged—that further aid will be wasted. Mr. Acheson refused to comment on General Chennault's statement yesterday.

On Capitol Hill, Senators Karl Mundt and William Knowland said they are preparing amendments to the arms bill which will carry aid for China. —United Press.

Air Force Scheme For The Empire

London, May 4. A scheme to interchange Commonwealth air squadrons with the Royal Air Force is under active discussion, the Air Ministry told Reuter tonight.

Certain details have still to be worked out.

The talks are going on in London with the Commonwealth countries represented.

If the scheme materialises, which is most likely, the squadrons will be exchanged in their own spheres of territory. For instance, a South African squadron will be sent to the Middle East Command and a Royal Air Force squadron from this Command sent to South Africa.

Australian squadrons will probably be transferred to the Far East Command, an RAF squadron from this Command being sent to Australia.

A Canadian Embassy official here said tonight that Royal Canadian Air Force personnel are training in Britain and Royal Air Force personnel are in Canada. "This has been going on for some time," he added. —Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on frequencies of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T. —Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father L. W. Gallagher, S.J. (Studio).

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—"Hand Call" BBC Variety Orchestra with Eric Whitely (BBC7B).

1.00 p.m.—Songs by Grace Fields.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements (Studio).

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Music for You".

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—A Light Variety Introducing new Records.

6.20 p.m.—Cantonese by Radio, Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S. K. Lee. (Studio).

6.50 p.m.—Harry Horlick and His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—"Music Lovers Hours" Classical Record Programme presented by Yvonne Charter. (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—World News, and News Analysis. (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—Looking at Britain Show. Hosted by Bruce Campbell. (BBC7B).

8.30 p.m.—Vocal Recital by Schumann (Chou (Soprano) and Richard Lin (Tenor) with piano accompaniment by Betty Brown. (Studio).

9.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

9.10 p.m.—Hong Kong Dance to the Rhythms of the Orchestra from the Ambassadors Ballroom with Vocalist Baby Darling.

9.40 p.m.—"The Show Must Go On" A Musical Thriller by Gerald Verner. Episode 1: "Overture and Beginnings." (BBC7B).

10.10 p.m.—A short programme of the Music of Hindustani.

10.30 p.m.—"Strike with Wings" Melachino and His Orchestra with Paula Green and Wilfred Barnes. (GRIIS).

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

11.20 p.m.—Summary of News from China.

11.25 p.m.—Close Down.

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tseen²).
13. Say³ gaw³ look (ngun \$4.00.
tseen²).
14. Ng gaw³ (ngun tseen²) \$5.55.
ng hoh boon³ (dzee²).
15. Look gaw³ (ngun \$6.66.
tseen²) look hoh³ look (dzee²).
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- 16b. Shup mun¹ \$10.00.
17. Shup yut¹ mun¹ \$11.00.
18. Shup yee, saam¹ mun¹ 12 or 13 dollars.
19. Yee, saam¹ shup mun¹ 20 or 30 dollars.
20. Saam¹ shup say³ gaw³ 34 and a half (dollars).
boon³ (ngun tseen²).
21. Baat¹ shup tsut¹ gaw³ (\$87.65.
(ngun tseen²) look hoh boon³ (dzee²).
22. Yut¹ baak³ mun¹ (or \$100.00.
ngun).
23. Yut¹ baak³ ling yut¹ \$160.00.
mun¹.
- 24a. Yut¹ baak³ look shup \$101.00.
mun¹.
- 24b. Baak³ look mun¹ (or \$160.00.
ngun).
25. Yut¹ tseen¹ mun¹ (or \$1000.00.
ngun).
26. Yut¹ tseen¹ ling \$1001.00.
yut¹ mun¹.
27. Yut¹ tseen¹ ling ng \$1050.00.
shup mun¹.
- 28a. Yut¹ tseen¹ yut¹ baak³ \$1100.00.
mun¹ (or ngun).
- 28b. Tseen¹ yut¹ mun¹ (or \$1100.00.
ngun).
29. Yut¹ tseen¹ ling saam¹ \$1030.45.
shup gaw³ (ngun tseen²) ling say³ hoh boon³ (dzee²).
30. Yut¹ maan¹ yee tseen¹ \$12345.67.
saam¹ baak³ say³ shup ng gaw³ (ngun tseen²) look hoh tsut¹ (dzee²).

They Face The Tail For Safety

London, May 4. Royal Air Force planes now being built have their seats with the backs towards the engines. Passengers will in future sit facing the tail.

This is the result of tests by RAF scientists, using a rocket-propelled vehicle and a robot man, to make air travel safer.

But British civil airlines have turned down tail-facing seats because they believe many passengers would object to having their backs to the engines. Besides, they say, it is bad business psychology to make passengers crash-conscious.

Tests with the dummy, nicknamed the "Standard Man," prove that a passenger has a far better chance of surviving a crash when he sits with his back to the engine. Instead of being whipped forward by the impact—the action which causes most air crash deaths—the passenger is pushed further into his seat and so cushioned from injury. —Reuter.

BLOODLESS BULL FIGHTS

Flensburg, May 4. Germans may soon see bull fights, but the sting will be taken out of the bull's horns.

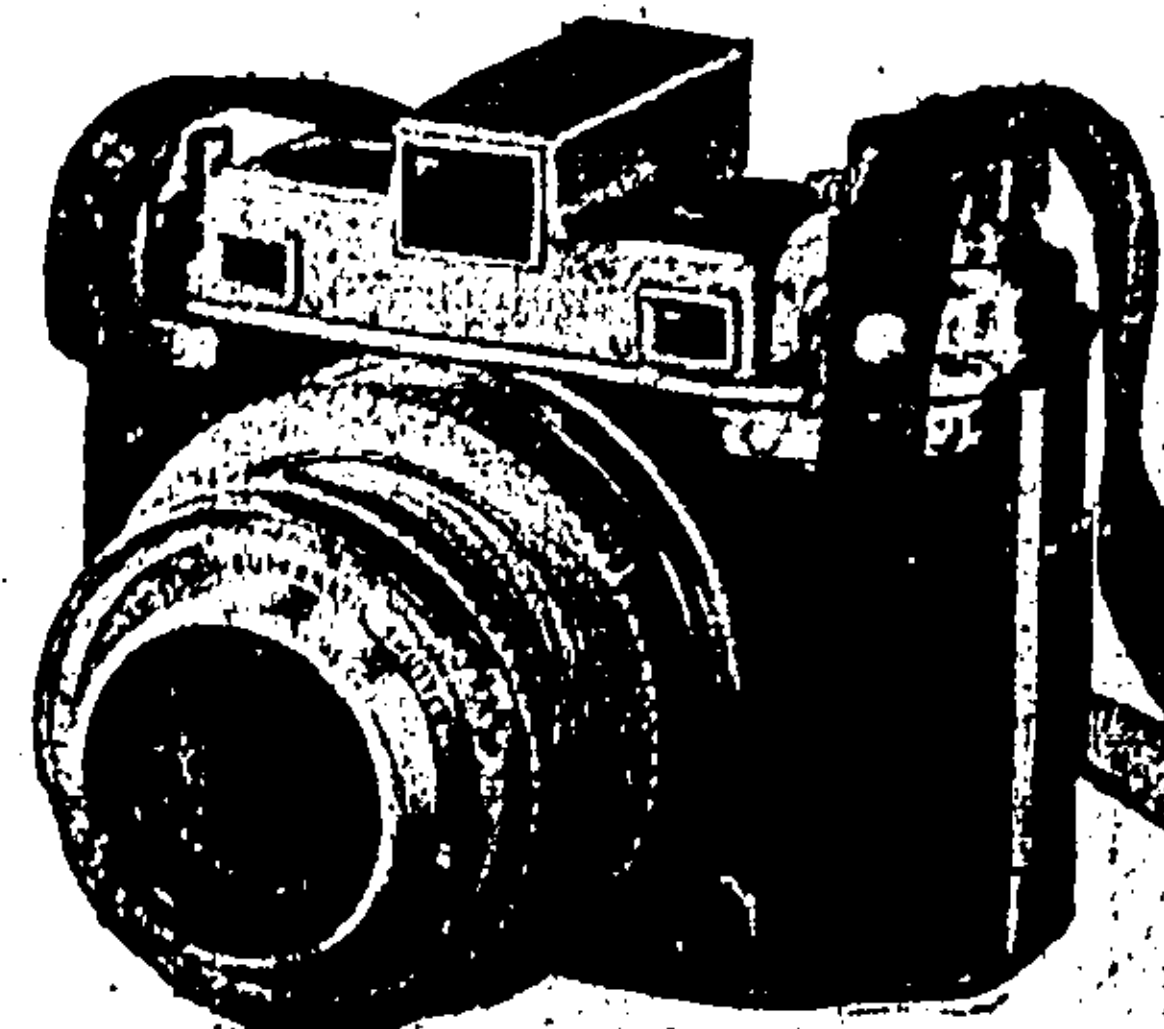
A Flensburg business man is organising fights on a "fair" basis so that no blood will be shed, according to the German news agency, DPA. The bull's horns will be covered with a rubber cushion.

The organiser said that competent authorities have assured him of the delivery of the animals and "gentle" Spaniards have agreed to enter German arenas. The first fight will be staged in a Flensburg arena on June 12—if the Schleswig-Holstein State Parliament gives its permission. —Reuter.

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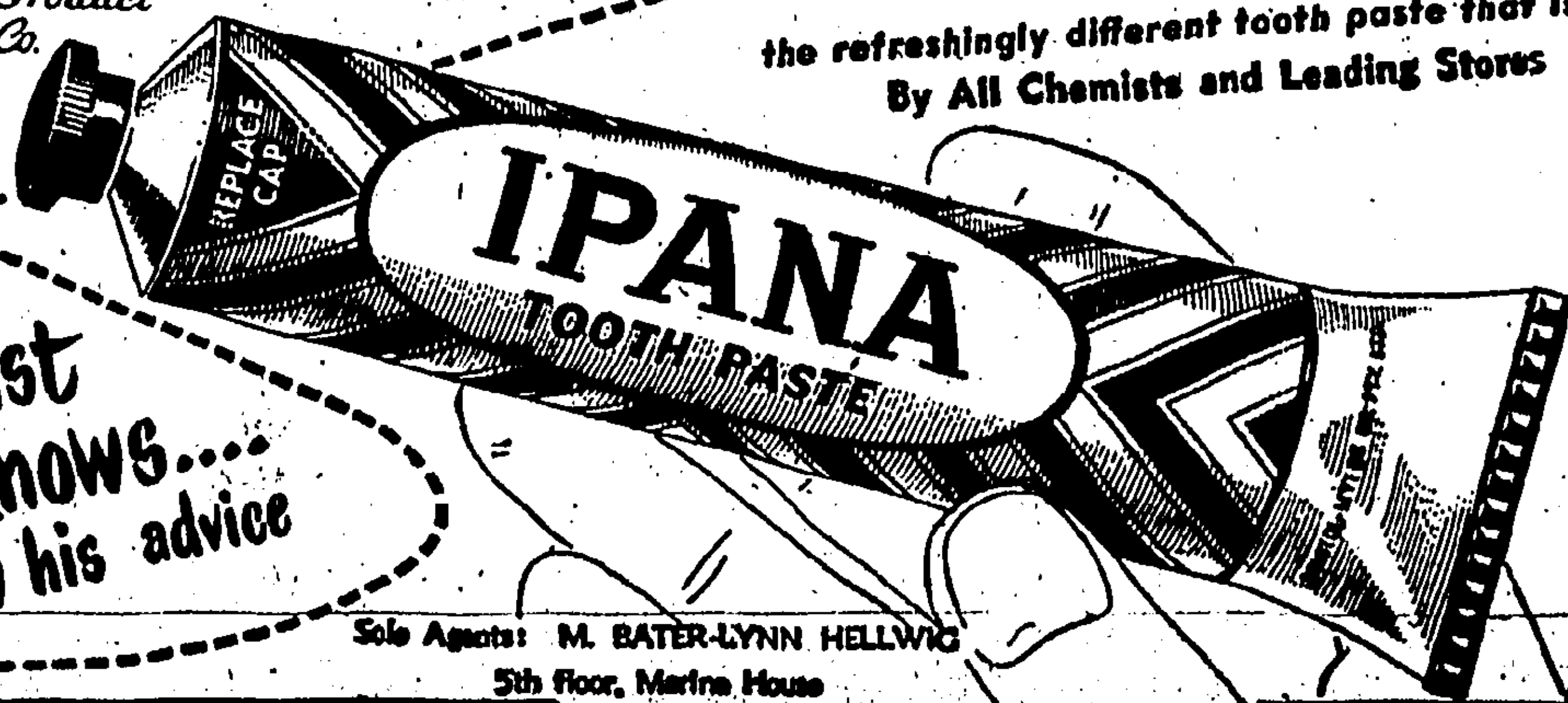
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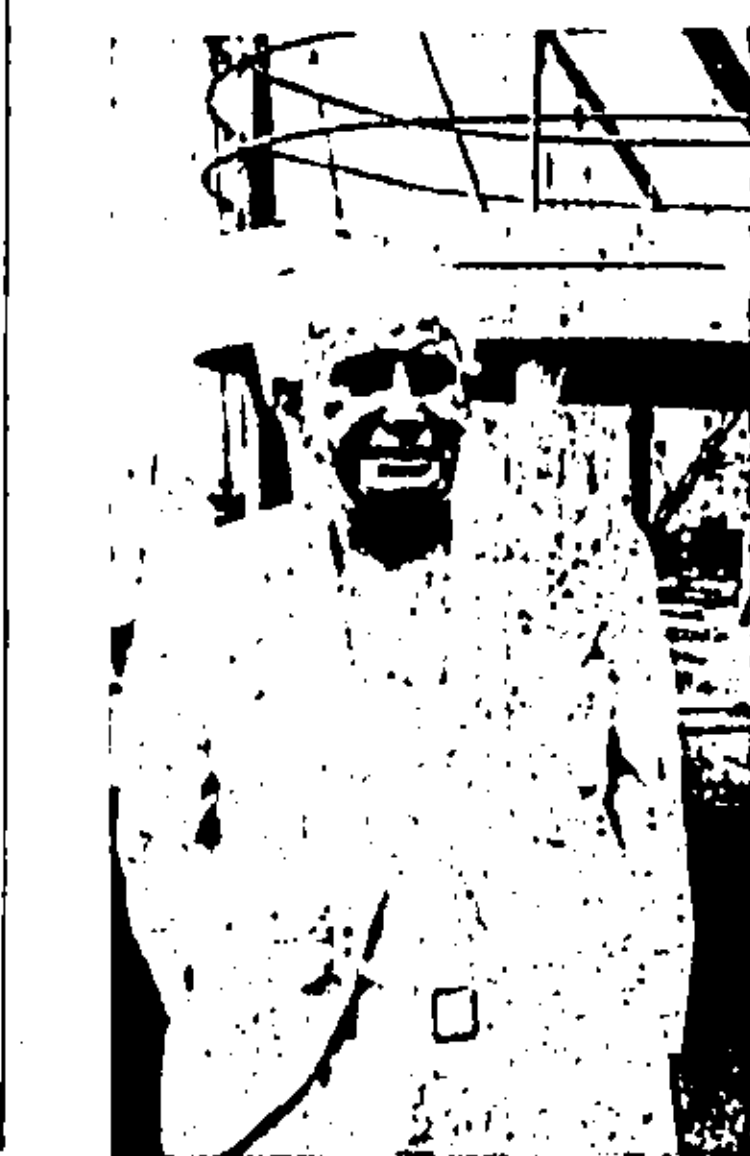
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GERMAN TRADER GOING HOME

(By Our Harbour Reporter)
Mr. Carl Schmitz needs no introduction in Hong
Kong.

The well-known German traveller and "tussah"
silk expert, who has been round the world
five times, made 13 trans-Siberian crossings
and "hundreds of times up and down the
China Coast," arrived here from Shanghai by
the Dutch freighter Mariekerk en route Home.

The Chinese Communist occupa-
tion of North China cities, includ-
ing Chefoo, where Mr. Schmitz
carried on business for 40 years,
deprived him of all his properties,
and today the 70-year-old German
considers himself as "one of those
unfortunate Germans—now old



Mr. Carl Schmitz

men—standing in China without
work, destitute and without
means of buying a passage Home.

"However, through the kindness
of an old American friend I am
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when interviewed aboard the
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Hong Kong first saw Mr Schmitz
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under the Boxer Fund scholarship
and joined the Hannah Dairy
Research Station in Scotland. He
then visited the Scandinavian
countries and investigated the
methods employed there in dairy
production. On his return, he delved
into the mysteries of the affect of
tropical conditions on milk pro-
duction—and in this connection
wrote an outstanding thesis on the
action of perspiration glands in
animals.

Mr. Yang's work has been con-
sidered so valuable in Britain that
the Empire Cultural Research
Council recently accorded him a
grant to enable him to continue
his investigation for a further
year.

Dutch Freighter Brings Evacuees

The Dutch freighter Marie-
kerk arrived here on Wednesday
from Shanghai with 12 for-
eigners, including Germans,
Austrians, Norwegians, Italians
and one Briton.

Those in transit include Mr. A.
Ladar, Mr. Fobau Vogelbaum, Mr.
Leo Reich Neustetter, Mr. G. T.
Olsen, Mr. Bruno Scotti, Mr. Di
Clemente Mario, Mr. H. M. Daus-
sen, Mr. K. S. Olausson, Mr. E.
Merogalli, Mr. V. Berlineloni, Mr.
Carl Schmitz.

Mr. Ladar, registered as a state-
less person in the ship's passenger
list, is formerly the city editor of
the "China Press," Shanghai. Mrs.
Ladar and their two children left
for the United States some time
ago. Mr. Ladar is on his way to
Venezuela.

Mr. Schmitz, the only German
aboard, is en route to Frankfurt,
Main, U. S. Zone, after carrying
on business in China for nearly
half a century. He first arrived in
China during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900.

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French Well In Tientsin

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now at Tientsin have nothing
to worry about as they can, M. J.
Siguret, Tientsin French Con-
sul, said on his arrival here
from the North by the ss.
Sinciang.

"Since their occupation of Tien-
tsin the Reds had not communi-
cated with us and I had been liv-
ing in isolation for the past three
months," the French official de-
clared.

The Consulate is still being
maintained by two vice-consuls,
with Mr. R. McFry as acting
consul.

He declined to comment on the
situation in the Red-held city. The
local Consulate is arranging for
Mr. Siguret's return to Paris.

Among the foreign arrivals

DULLES' WARNING ON DANGER OF CONFLICT

Washington, May 4.

The Republican foreign policy expert, Mr. John
Foster Dulles, believes war will be highly prob-
able if the United States repudiates the North
Atlantic Pact.

Mr. Dulles said that if the Senate refuses to confirm
the Pact in view of all that has happened, other
signatory nations might change their plans. In
that event, it quite likely that there would come
war.

Mr. Dulles told the Senate
Foreign Relations Committee that
the present form of the pact is
not so imperative as its ratifica-
tion because the effect the sign-
ing is already having on Europe.

He made that statement when
Senator Bourke Hickenlooper asked
if war will be inevitable if the
United States does not ratify the
pact. Earlier, he had said the
United States probably would
have to help build up armed
bases in Europe under the treaty,
but still would be able to cut
military spending.

Mr. Dulles told the Committee:
"It is not going to be possible to
develop a military land force on
the continents for many years
that will be a serious obstacle to
Russian invasion."

"Under the Atlantic Pact," he
continued, "the most effective co-

llective defence will probably re-
quire us to help build up mili-
tary establishments abroad particu-
larly on the continent, where a
vacuum exists."

He then said the European pro-
gramme has done extremely well
to date but that most people in
Europe are unaware of the extent
to which they are beneficiaries of
Marshall Plan funds.

He added that Russian propa-
ganda is far more effective in
reaching the masses, but that
senior Government officials of
ECA-aided countries are aware of
the benefits.

Mr. Dulles declared that if Ger-
many enters into an alliance with

Russia, there would be nothing
left on the continent the U.S.
could hold.

Place For Germany

He believes it important to find
a place satisfactory to the Ger-
mans within the orbit of the
West.

He said Germany is in a re-
markably strong bargaining po-
sition between East and West.

"On the other hand," he ad-
ded, "she is still so potentially
powerful that countries re-
frain from bringing her into
unity with them because they
feel they would immediately
be dominated by her."

"The solution would be to make
a package big enough so we can
safely bring Germany in without
fear of her domination."

The pact would be such a
package, as it includes the United
States, but he does not envisage
the immediate inclusion of Ger-
many as a member nation.—United
Press.

HUNGER STRIKE IN PRISON

Bombay, May 4.

A hundred and fifty Commu-
nists detained in Bombay prisons
went on a hunger strike last night
demanding "better treatment and
adequate family allowances".

A similar Communist hunger
strike at Calcutta was called off
last week-end.—Reuter.

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THE QUEEN?**

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AND SMART WHY CAN'T HE
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ASKING US?**

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GOOD ANSWER.**

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Melbourne, May 4.

General Sir Thomas Blamey, chief of Australia's wartime armies, does not see immediate danger of South East Asian aggression against Australia or a threat from Japan.

General Blamey was the personal guest of General MacArthur in Japan several months ago. He said today:

Oxford Chair Of Religion

Oxford, May 4.

The Congregation (principal legislative body) of Oxford University has approved a statute making permanent the Spalding Professorship of Eastern Religion and Ethics. This chair, established provisionally in 1925, has since been held by Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a leading Indian philosopher and a Fellow of All Souls College, and the present Chairman of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation and of the Indian University Commission.

The statute reiterates the desire of the founders of the professorship to promote closer understanding between the religions of the world. It is intended normally to appoint an Indian to the chair.

It is therefore likely, though not binding, that in future an Indian will be appointed. Sir Sarvepalli will probably be the first permanent holder.—Reuter.

Boy Steals Bicycle

A boy aged 17 who rented a bicycle from one shop on April 27, and tried to sell it to the owner of the World Bicycle shop, was charged at Kowloon yesterday with stealing by bail.

He pleaded guilty and his case was treated as a juvenile case. The court ordered him to receive 12 strokes of the cane.

According to the prosecution, defendant was arrested when the owner of the World Bicycle shop discovered the actual owner's name painted on the mudguard of the bicycle.

Defendant tried to sell the bicycle for \$60.

Manila, May 4.

Bayan fishermen in the Batanes group are reported to have seen four alien motorboats, said to be manned by Japanese nationals, which were engaged in fishing by means of explosives. The alien fishermen, the report added, were able to collect all the small fish killed by their explosives.—Reuter.

Tientsin Disputes Settled By Reds

San Francisco, May 4.

The Communist authorities in Tientsin have co-operated with the trade unions there in settling some 400 disputes with the result that more factories have been able to operate.

This is reported by the Communist-controlled Peiping Radio which says that by the middle of last month more than 80 per cent of privately-owned industrial enterprises and 60 per cent of private commercial stores in Tientsin were functioning again.

The labour disputes which have now been settled were caused by workers' dissatisfaction at long hours of work coupled with inadequate wages and also, in some cases, because workers were asking for excessive pay-packages, the Radio says.

In the course of resolving the trouble the Government authorities explained to factory owners, Communist industrial and commercial policies and urged them to give labour a "decent" wage which would guarantee the workers' standard of living, thereby raising labour enthusiasm and higher production—a profit and not a loss to private industry.

It is also reported that private enterprises which lacked operating capital were assisted by the Government which provided loans and supplied raw materials needed.

The Radio adds that settlement of labour disputes has resulted in higher production in many private enterprises. It instances a 30 per cent rise in the tyre output of a rubber factory as well as a noticeable improvement in the quality of goods manufactured.—Reuter.

NEW BRITTEN OPERA

Vienna, May 4.

The British composer, Benjamin Britten told reporters here today that he is planning a new opera for which the libretto has been written by the "greatest living novelist in England, E. M. Forster."

It is based on Herman Melville's "Billy Budd," a story of the Royal Navy during the Napoleonic wars, and is set on board a ship.—Reuter.

DRUG FACTORY

Lima, May 4.

The Peruvian police today discovered a third secret cocaine factory in its new campaign against drug-trafficking. It was found near the small forest township of Puncallpa. The earlier two were at Trujillo and Huancayo.

Peruvian-manufactured cocaine has been traced to the United States and Cuba. A score of persons are to be tried under recently-enacted anti-dope laws.—Reuter.

LOAN DENIAL

Brussels, May 4.

A Belgian Foreign Office spokesman today denied a Madrid report that a Belgian financial group has offered a 150 million Belgian franc loan to the Spanish Government.—Reuter.

Manila-Italy Radio Opened

Manila, May 4.

The opening of direct communications between Manila and Rome, Italy, has just been announced by R.C.A. Communications Inc. here.

The opening ceremony was featured by a radiogram of greeting to the Italian people through the Italian President, Luigi Einaudi, by President Quirino.—Reuter.

UNRRA Aid To China

The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration supplied China, during its three years' operation there, commodities valued at US\$509,355,000. The total weight of commodities supplied was 2,300,915 tons, according to the final report of UNRRA.

Food accounted for US\$134,100,000, clothing and footwear for US\$112,530,000, medical and sanitation supplies for US\$32,781,900, agricultural rehabilitation supplies for US\$71,876,600, industrial rehabilitation supplies for US\$158,256,000.

The expenditures of UNRRA Missions in China amounted to a total of US\$29,828,420 of which US\$20,229,016 was for personal services.

Operation started in November 1944 and ended on December 31, 1947. Headquarters, first in Chungking, were later transferred to Shanghai and regional offices were established in Mukden, Peking, Tientsin, Tsingtao, Tsinan, Kaileng, Hankow, Wuhu, Chinkiang, Hangchow, Changsha, Nanchang, Taipei, Liuchow and Canton.

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FRIDAY, MAY 4.

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Closing Times by Sea

Straits and Calcutta, 9 p.m.

Bangkok, Nipon, Batavia and Fakhri via Hallow, Nipon, Manila, Mauritius, Bombay, India, 11 p.m.

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SATURDAY, MAY 7

Closing Times by Air

Air Mail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 6/5.

(Ord.) 8 a.m. 7/5.

Air Mail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m. (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Air Mail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m. (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai and Tientsin: Air Mail for Chungking, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Taipei: Air Mail for Kowloon and Calcutta, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Formosa via Taiwan and Fookchow, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, 1 p.m.

Hallow and Fakhri via Hallow, Nipon, Straits, Ceylon, Madagascar, Aden and Suez, 11 p.m.

Manila, Honolulu, USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcel Post for Canada), (Par. and Reg.) 1.30 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.

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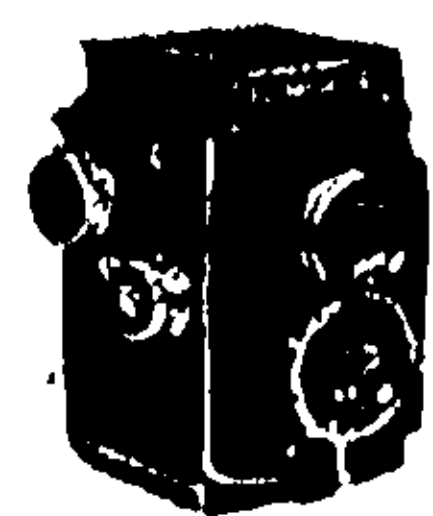
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London, May 4.
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JUBILEE MIXED FOURSOMES TOMORROW

The Jubilee Mixed Foursomes Competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be played on the New Course tomorrow afternoon.

No starting times will be booked and Pairs are requested to make their own arrangements.

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Mrs. Lattimer and W. J. Dyer with Mrs. Rowell and J. C. Brown.

Post pairs must find opponents. Starting times for Sunday will be published as usual tomorrow.

Royal Forest Makes Debut

Sandown, May 4.
The Derby favourite, Royal Forest, ridden by the champion jockey, Gordon Richards, who will probably ride him in the forthcoming classic, made an auspicious debut this season here this afternoon, when he easily won the Sandown Trial Stakes over one mile and a quarter.

Second four lengths behind was the useful three-year-old Bobo, with Transatlantic a further half a length away third. There were six runners.

Royal Forest won so impressively that his price for the Derby was cut from 7-1 to 9-2, after one hour had taken £15,000 to £3,000 against his winning the premier classic.—Reuter.

MELBOURNE MAYOR DEAD

Melbourne, May 5.
Sir Raymond Connelly, former Lord Mayor of Melbourne, who was largely responsible for selection of Melbourne as site for the 1956 Olympic Games, died unexpectedly yesterday.

He was 53.
Sir Raymond recently visited 15 countries and called on delegates to the International Olympic Committee.—Associated Press.

Turin Football Players Killed

Rome, May 4.
Twenty-eight people, including 18 members of the internationally known Turin football team, were killed when their plane crashed on the outskirts of Turin tonight.

The trainer, Leslie Llewellyn, who played for England many years ago, brought to Italy the "English system" of play, as it is known here. He was engaged by the Turin Club about two years ago to give expert advice to the Italians.

The footballers included four internationals and there were also on board five team officials, two trainers and three journalists.

The plane was bringing the football team—an elite leader in the First Division of the Italian Football League—back from Lisbon, where they yesterday met the Benfica Club.

Italian football selectors have always drawn heavily on Turin for their international teams. The other passengers on board are believed to have included several journalists who went with the team to Portugal.

The plane was reported to have struck a church tower on the Eastern outskirts of Turin when coming in to land in bad visibility. It crashed in flames.

The captain of the team, Valentino Mazzola, is reported to be safe. Owing to ill-health, he apparently left the plane at Barcelona, where it stopped before flying to Turin.—Reuter.

Ampon To Play At Wimbledon

Manila, May 4.
Felicisimo Ampon, national tennis champion and No. 1 ranking racketeer, will compete again in the Wimbledon tennis championships to be held from June 21 to July 2.

The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation's Executive Committee approved, at a recent meeting, the recommendation of the Tennis Committee to send Ampon to the French national tennis championships at Roland Garros from May 19 to May 28 and also to Wimbledon's international tennis championships from June 21 to July 2.

Together with young Raymond Deyo, Ampon played last year in the Wimbledon tennis championships. He topped the All-England play-off, the consolation round championship for eliminated entries in the Wimbledon competitions. He defeated Argentina's Hernando Weiss in a gruelling 30-game, two-set match in winning the All-England Plate.

Ampon swept all opposition in Sweden and returned home with 10 trophies won in different tournaments in Europe after the Wimbledon tennis championships.—Reuter.

HKFA's MEETING

A meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association Council will be held at the Association's office on Tuesday, May 10, at 5.30 p.m.

AGENDA:
1. To confirm Minutes of Council meeting No. 10.
2. To adopt Minutes of Interpol Sub-Committee meeting No. 10.

3. To adopt Minutes of League Management Committee meeting No. 12.
4. To adopt Minutes of Emergency Sub-Committee meeting No. 13.

5. To adopt Minutes of Special Referee's meeting Nos. 3 and 4.
6. Accounts.

7. To appoint a Rules Revision Committee.
8. To consider allocation of International Charity Fund.

9. Correspondence.

IRC MEETING

A meeting of the Tennis Section of the Indian Recreation Club will be held at the Clubhouse, Soekunpoon, on Sunday, May 8, at 3.00 p.m. to discuss matters in connection with the forthcoming Tennis League.

Interested members, including ladies, are earnestly requested to be present.

Nimbus Wins 2,000 Guineas



Winner Nimbus (left) fights out the finish of the 2,000 Guineas with Abernant at Newmarket on April 27.—AP Photo.

Welsh Clubs Retain Supremacy

(By ARCHIE QUICK)

The outstanding feature of the Rugby football season has been the continued supremacy of the Welsh clubs and the remarkable failure of the Welsh International Fifteen.

I have seen all the leading Welsh clubs in action recently. Cardiff have again been showing back play and teamwork of the highest possible standard, and their reserves are so promising that they can dispose of the best London clubs even when all their many stars are away.

Swansea and Newport, after Frenchmen's overthrow at Twickenham, and then they ended with a blaze of glory by defeating their traditional opponents for the Calcutta Cup after the finest display of open football seen in the whole series.

Yet, despite the galaxy of talent the Principality offers, the international XV, after a dazzling start against England, has had one of its worst seasons on record. By losing to Ireland and Scotland, and now to France in Paris, it has earned the unenviable wooden spoon in the championship which they were confidently expected to win.

True, they only lost 2-5 to the fiery Frenchmen and by one point at Murrayfield, and conceded fewer points than any other country, but their pack has come off second best and their much vaunted outside was always much too easily subdued by the fast-breaking and spoiling methods of back-row forwards which continue to be the decisive factor in modern Rugby.

The Championship has again gone to Ireland, who have also retained the Triple Crown. One has to go back nearly a quarter of a century to the days of the great "Horse" Brown, the famous Duke of Wellington's green jersey enjoying similar supremacy in the championship, and this is the first time they have won the Crown in successive seasons. Though their merits were not immediately apparent, they were outplayed by the French in Dublin in an unsatisfactory opening game—once again was the liveliness of the forwards in the open and their superb backing up, allied to the brilliance of the outside half, J. W. Kyle, which did the trick. They had the satisfaction of winning at Swansea for the first time since 1889.

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RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SECOND DIVISION

Solicitors 18, China 1
Army Kin 8 Army HK 0
Royal Navy 0 Kit Chee 0

*Kit Chee played three First Division players in their match against Royal Navy.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, May 4.
The results of soccer games played today were:

INTER-LEAGUE
Football League v English League 5
of Ireland 0

FIRST DIVISION
Arsenal 3 Portsmouth 2
Bolton W. 1 Chelsea 0
Derby County 3 Liverpool 0
Everton 1 Wolves 4
Manchester U. 3 Sheffield U. 2

SECOND DIVISION
Bradford 0 Lincoln City 3
Bury 1 Leicester City 2
Exeter City 1 Newport C. 2

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)
Wrexham 2 Gillingham 1
Wrexham 2 Gillingham 1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)
Chester 4 Barrow 1
Hull City 0 Doncaster R. 1
New Brighton 2 Gateshead 2
Wrexham 2 Gillingham 1

TODAY'S SOCCER Hong Kong League

FIRST DIVISION
Police v Navy (PP from 2.1.49); Round-robin Street, 6 p.m.; Referee: J. Ward.
Lineament: S.M. Liu and W. Gibson.
RAF v Kwong Wah (PP from 2.4.49); Round-robin, 6 p.m.; Referee: W. Gibson; Lineament: Y.F. Mak and A. Hing.

SCHOOL LEAGUE
Ying Wah v Wah Yan; St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.
La Salle v Diocesan; Boundary Street, 4 p.m.

TODAY'S HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL SERIES

(Second Round)
Holland v India; Soekunpoon; Umpires: P.P. Xavier and Capt. Payne; (Postponed).
Ireland v Portugal; King's Park, RNRG 1, 8.45 p.m.; Umpires: B. G. Kelly and F.R.A. Miller.

IRELAND TEAM

The following is the Ireland hockey team to meet Portugal at King's Park (RNRG 1) at 8.45 p.m. today: Colours: White. Capt. McGrath, Sgt. Corr and Sgt. Major Hunt. (Army) P.O. Wilson, Lt. Coady, Gibson and En. Boyle. (RAF) Ldg. Wtr. Morrison (Navy) E. Kane and M. Joyce (DRC) Insp. Wall (Police). Reserve P.O. Hassard (Navy).

BASKETBALL GAME RESULT

In a cleanly contested basketball game at Caroline Hill last night the visiting Team Kong Rangers beat Black Cat by 59 to 32.

MCC'S PRESIDENT

London, May 4.
The Duke of Edinburgh is the new President of the M.C.C. It was announced at today's annual meeting at Lords.—Reuter.

Yankees Launch Big Offensive

New York, May 5.
The New York Yankees staged their biggest offensive of the baseball season yesterday to defeat the St. Louis Browns 10-1 and hold their three game lead in the American League. Detroit righthander Virgil Trucks limited the Boston Red Sox to only three hits for his fourth straight win of the season and a 5-1 decision.

Ted Williams hit his fourth home run of the season for Boston's lone run.

Four home runs, each with nobody on base, gave the Cleveland Indians a 4-3 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics at Cleveland.

The Chicago White Sox blew a seven run lead and lost to the Washington Senators 8-7. The Senators hit a pair of homers in the ninth to clinch their rally in the last three frames.

In the National League, the New York Giants welcomed Leo Durocher back as manager with a 12 hit barrage that defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 11-4.

Catcher Roy Campanella continued his hitting streak with a double and a single to lead Brooklyn in a 5-1 triumph over Cincinnati.

There were two night games.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York 10 St. Louis 1
St. Louis 10 Detroit 1
Winning pitcher: Vio Raschi, 3
Bill Kennedy 1

Boston 1 Philadelphia 3
Detroit 5 Cleveland 0
Winning pitcher: Mervyn Trucks, 1
loser Mickey Harris 1

Philadelphia 3 Cleveland 0
Winning pitcher: Gene Bearden, 1
loser Dick Fowler 1

Washington 8 Chicago 1
Winning pitcher: Walt Masterson, 7
loser Ernie Groth 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Pittsburgh 4 St. Louis 1
New York 11 Detroit 1
Winning pitcher: Larry Jansen, 1
loser Bob Muncie 1

Cincinnati 1 Brooklyn 7
Winning pitcher: Joe Hatten, 1
loser Howie Fox 1

Associated Press.

New York, May 5.
Southpaw Ken Heintzelman pitched the Phillies to their fifth straight win, beating Cardinals 7-5 in a night game. Heintzelman needed help from Ken Trinkle in the ninth when Cardinals scored three runs, but got credit for his fourth win without loss.

Stan Holmick, with three runs batted in on two singles, led the Phillies to bat.

Nighthander Johnny Sain of the Braves gained his second win of the year, downing Chicago Cubs 4-3 in another night game. Braves got only five hits in the first inning for four runs against Emil "Duke" Fox.

Scores were as follows:
NATIONAL LEAGUE
St. Louis Cardinals 6 Philadelphia Phillies 7
Cardinals: p. Brazle, Wilks (8th), Stacey (8th); c. Rice.
Phillies: p. Heintzelman, Trinkle (8th); c. Semelick.

Winning pitcher: Heintzelman, 1
loser Brazle 1
Chicago Cubs 4 Boston Braves 3
Cubs: p. Leonard, Chipman (1st), Kusch (8th); c. Scheffing.
Braves: p. Sain; c. Salkeld.
Losing pitcher: Leonard.
—United Press.

Faulkner Leads In Golf Match

Virginia Water, Surrey, May 4.
Max Faulkner, of Royal Mid-Surrey, one of the most colourful of Britain's international golfers, led the field at the halfway stage of the Dunlop Two Thousand Guineas professional golf tournament at Wentworth here today, with a grand 67 on the East course for a two rounds total of 141.

Faulkner revelled in the almost Mediterranean warmth, hitting a tremendous length.

Brilliant rounds of 65 and 66 on the East course by Arthur Lees and Sam King, two other members of Britain's international side of 1947, gave them totals of 143 to the left, Ken Bousfield and Reg Knight for second place and join in the exciting chase for the first prize of £350.

Both the East and the more difficult West course were in use today, and 150 players with a quota of 188 and better qualified for the final two rounds on Friday, and tomorrow and Friday.—Reuter.

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U.S., Britain To Co-Operate In Test

Washington, May 5.
The United States is negotiating with Britain to set up a guided missile range with launching sites in Florida and a checking station in the British-owned Bahamas Islands.

This was disclosed on Tuesday by the State Department's Press Officer, Michael McDermott. He said talks have been going on for some time and indicated the joint project is in the final stage of diplomatic arrangements.

As he explained it, the guided missiles would be launched from somewhere in Florida—he did not say exactly where—and radar stations in the Bahamas would check their course.

Where the missiles would eventually come down, McDermott did not say. Legislation to establish a 3,000-mile testing range for the missiles cleared the Senate on Monday and needs only final approval before going to President Truman.

The bill itself makes no mention of a site. It provides US\$75,000,000 to start the work. US\$200,000,000 is expected to cost \$200,000,000 eventually.—Associated Press.

Bowling Fixtures

The following will play for the Tara Lusitania on Sunday, commencing at 3.45 p.m.

At Kowloon Golfing Club
E. A. Atkins, G.E.F. Thompson, W.C. Simpson, L. Skyles (Skip) v J. A. V. C. Warren, K.C. R. B. Brown, J. E. Noronha (Skip).

J. Tindall, A.L.G. Eastman, L.A. Collier and L. Guy (Skip) v B.P.F. Marques, F.X.M. Silva, R.F. Luz and J.A. Luz (Skip).

J.A.L. Pearson, J. Skyles (Skip) v R. M. V. Ribeiro, M.L. Roza, O.P. Remedios and A.M. Souza (Skip) v F. Plume, J.G. Meyer, R.M. Wigginton and H.F. Shields (Skip).

At Club de Recreio
J.C. Remedios, C. Roza Pereira, J.C. J.F.V. Ribeiro (Skip) v L. Gaddi, A.L. Skyles, J. Frasier and A.J. Hall (Skip).

A.M. Silva, L.A. Roza, G.A. Guterres and Dr. A.P. Juterres (Skip) v R.P. Phillips, J.C. Robertson, S.H. Strang and R. Morrison (Skip).

P. B. Pinto, J.P. Bastin, H.R. Pina and C.P. Bastin (Skip) v P. Hughes, H.H. Rose, J. Brighton and E.G. Shaw (Skip).

E.H. Carvalho, N.A. Beltrao, M.P. Pina and C.P. Bastin (Skip) v A.P. Weir, E.F.S. Baker, W. McCall and T.J. Hemslay (Skip).

At Quarry Bay on Saturday, May 7, at 3.30 p.m. Talkoo Club have Kowloon Dock as their guests in a friendly Bowling match. Last season both clubs won one game each and strongly enough on their opponents green.

TALKOO SELECTION

T. R. MacLean, J. Nimmo, J. H. Kinniburgh, J. C. Chalmers (Skip).

A. Steven, W. Cunningham, J. Wald, C. Bovaal (Skip).

F. S. Thomson, B. Baker, J. B. Baxter, J. A. Watson (Skip).

J. McLeod, D. R. Dally, R. D. Marshall, W. G. McKie (Skip).

A feature of the Talkoo "tuning up" programme is the weekly Waggiechaws where all members can have a go.

Last week's winners were:—J. H. MacLean, B. G. Griffin, J. A. Smith, R. B. Marshall (skip).